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POLITICAL1. PriMin Continues Preparations for Washington Visit

PriMin SATO devoted most of time during week to final preparations for forthcoming Washington visit. In addition to meeting with opposition leaders (Item 2 below), he told press conference during January 4 visit to Grand Shrines of Ise that 1965, 20 years after war end, should be year of "new departure" for Japan; also said he would "say fully what needed to be said" in discussions with President. In same conference he denied that Japan "unfriendly" toward Communist China and said on contrary Japan had reason to call ChiComs unfriendly. He reaffirmed intention to maintain ties with GRC and intimated willingness to extend further non-military aid to GVN. He added it

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was easy to criticize U.S. policy in Vietnam, "but you don't think mere criticism will lead to improvement of the situation, do you?" Representatives of LDP Diet member groups opposing and favoring closer relations with ChiComs (WEEKA 53, Item 5) met Sato during week to urge respective viewpoints, focusing on whether Japan should co-sponsor "important question" move at UNGA. Sato reply not published but reportedly gave no encouragement to pro-ChiCom group. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato continues apparent effort to play China policy close to chest for domestic consumption. Some LDP sources assert this reflects influence of Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO and other LDP figures close to Sato who believe appearance of "forward-looking posture" toward ChiComs is important for domestic political popularity. Potential danger appears to be that if Sato takes more open stand against ChiComs after return from U.S. he will be vulnerable to charges of having shifted position under U.S. pressure. Public impression he is trying to straddle fence results in some degree from press handling of his guarded statements on China questions; press tends to play up every nuance which suggests possibility of more positive attitude toward Peiping. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. JSP and DSP Confer With Sato (WEEKA 53, Item 4)

PrMin Sato met separately with JSP and DSP leaders December 6 to hear opposition views on foreign policy prior to his visit to Washington next week. JSP Chairman Jotaro KAWAKAMI told Sato Japan should not oppose Communist China's "inevitable" admission to UN, urged effort for immediate return of Ryukyus and Bonins to Japan, called for suspending talks on normalization of Japan-ROK relations until Japan's relations with ChiComs regularized, said Japan should not get further involved in South Vietnam, and asked more positive GOJ moves for nuclear disarmament. Sato declined comment on JSP positions except to remark that views of LDP and JSP differ widely, but stated he will continue to press for return of Okinawa. DSP leaders brought up same issues but championed "Two-China" approach on Chirep issue and treaty to prevent introduction of nuclear weapons into Japan. Sato told both groups he was interested in continuing similar discussions in future. Meetings given strong play in public media with commentary stressing meetings were first of kind, and hailing them as beginning steps toward "supra-partisan" discussion of foreign affairs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Airing of well-known JSP and DSP foreign policy views likely to have little effect on Sato Government policies which diametrically opposed to Socialist positions on most issues. Sato agreement to discuss foreign policy with opposition leaders was generally well received and he probably made net gain from meetings. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. Kono to Act as PrMin

Cabinet meeting January 7 reportedly decided State Minister Ichiro KONO would be acting PrMin during Sato visit to U.S. Earlier in week Kono,

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during visit to Ise Shrine, told press he foresaw large-scale Cabinet shakeup about May after close of regular Diet session (adding that he would stay in Cabinet if asked), expressed opposition to general election during 1965 "since there are no new issues with Socialists." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kono selection for acting PriMin post virtually automatic since he is senior in terms of service among Cabinet Ministers. Kono continues posture of apparent cooperation with Sato. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 4. Sato Appeals to Sukarno

PriMin January 5, recalling Japan's "bitter experiences" after it left League of Nations, telegraphed personal appeal to President SUKARNO to keep Indonesia in U.N. On following day Japanese Permrep reportedly made similar appeal to Indonesian Ambassador to U.N. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ref. Embtel 2106. Sato's special effort to keep Indonesia in U.N. was widely supported by Japanese press, and reflects Japanese high estimation of merits of U.N. and its moderating influence on member states. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 5. Takasugi Replaces Sugi in Japan-ROK Talks

PriMin Sato, January 6, appointed Shinichi TAKASUGI as chief Japanese negotiator for Japan-ROK normalization talks to fill vacancy left by death of Michisuke SUGI. Takasugi is former president and board chairman of Mitsubishi Electric Co. and has served as economic aid specialist for Federation of Economic Organizations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ref. Embtel 2111. Sato's choice of respected business leader as chief Japanese negotiator indicates PriMin's desire for early conclusion of talks. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 6. ChiComs Capture Japanese Fishing Boat

Ebisu Maru No. 8, while operating in Yellow Sea within area prohibited to Japanese fishing by agreement between ChiCom and Japanese fishery associations, was warned and later seized by ChiCom naval patrol vessel January 5. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ref. Embtel 2105. This is first difficulty with ChiComs concerning fishing since 1962 and FonOff interprets it as probable indication of stiffening ChiCom posture toward Japan. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYOMILITARY7. Primin Addresses SDF Units

Primin Sato spoke to formation of about 2,300 men of GSDF, ASDF and MSDF January 8, at Camp Nerima, Tokyo. Press reports that Defense Agency Chief KOIZUMI hopes to make this a yearly event. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato is first postwar Primin to address military units other than on occasion of annual SDF review. Ceremony indicates increased Government interest in SDF and is part of effort to increase prestige and public awareness of Defense Forces. Interesting to note January 8 is date when Emperor traditionally reviewed Imperial Army. (CONFIDENTIAL)

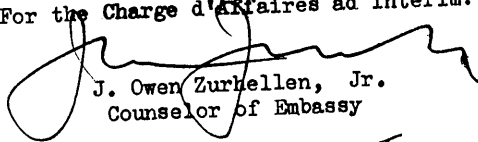
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


Cabinet January 8 approved retirement of General Kan OHMORI, Chief of Staff, Ground Self-Defense Forces, effective January 16 and elevation of Lieutenant General Yoshifusa AMANO, present Vice Chief, as his successor.






Cabinet further approved Ohmori's appointment to succeed retiring Dr. Tomoo MAKI as Director, Self-Defense Forces Defense Academy. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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POLITICAL

1. PriMin Off to United States

PriMin SATO, with FonMin SHIINA and Liberal Democratic Party SecGen MIKI among entourage, left January 10 for visit to President Johnson and other USG leaders. (WEEKA NO. 1, Item 1). Japanese press and other media gave heavy coverage to reception and activities not only at Washington but also at Honolulu and San Francisco along the way. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Japanese press, which showed inclination be somewhat cynically pessimistic about visit beforehand, appeared clearly impressed with treatment accorded Sato. Government and political circles in Japan meanwhile marked time, for all practical purposes, awaiting Sato's return and expected disclosure of new substantive policy lines in LDP Convention and resumption of Diet session during following week. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Health Minister Under Fire

What little governmental activity went on in Sato's absence brought demands for resignation of Health and Welfare Minister KANDA for his role in controversial issue of raising fees for insured medical care. Kanda January 10 announced 9.5 per cent increase, ignoring opposition of "premium payer" representatives (largely from labor organizations) in Central Social Insurance and Medical Care Study Council. These representatives then withdrew from Council and asked Kanda be fired. Acting Prime Minister Ichiro KONO ignored demand at January 12 Cabinet meeting. Kanda stuck by decision while efforts went on to persuade "premium-payer" representatives to return to Council. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Controversy is completely marginal from standpoint of major political issues but offers example of problems which opposition will try to blame on LDP "high economic growth" policy (and alleged lack of concern over rising prices) in forthcoming Diet session and Upper House election campaign. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. JSP Head Hospitalized

JSP Chairman Jotaro KAWAKAMI, 76, entered Kanto Chuo Hospital in Tokyo January 13 to be treated for a cold and to undergo a physical checkup. Spokesman announced Kawakami will remain in hospital for about five days and be back on feet in time for Diet reopening January 21. Illness not expected to affect plans for Okinawa visit (Item 4). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: There is no indication that Kawakami's hospitalization caused by anything more serious than cold. However, illness at his relatively advanced age may give impetus to current rumors he will step down from chairmanship this fall with resulting maneuvering on succession question. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 4. JSP Plans Okinawa Trip

JSP Central Executive Committee January 12 formally decided to send delegation headed by Chairman Jotaro KAWAKAMI to Okinawa February 16-18 to participate in celebration seventh anniversary of Okinawa Socialist Party (OSP) and third anniversary of OSP status as JSP branch for "Okinawa

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Prefecture." JSP top officers named to accompany Kawakami included Saburo EDA (Organization Bureau), Seiichi KATSUMATA (International Bureau) and Shichiro MATSUMOTO (Education and Propaganda Bureau). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embtel 2141. Purpose of JSP visit is to strengthen OSP in anticipation GRI Assembly elections expected this fall and to carry out JSP 1965 action policy which stresses increased effort to hasten Okinawa reversion and enlargement of local administrative powers. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Ex-Premier Katayama Retiring from Politics

Tetsu KATAYAMA, former Socialist Prime Minister (1947-48) and currently advisor to right-wing of Democratic Socialist Party, submitted resignation from party January 13, simultaneously announcing intention to devote his energies in private capacity to movement to "purify politics" and prevent revision of Constitution. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is second time Katayama, now 78, has asked to be relieved of active work in the Party. Earlier request, made after his defeat in November 1963 Lower House elections, was rejected. Party executives yet to act on new request, but acceptance this time is likely. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Japanese Trade Representatives to Peiping Trade Office Named

Sino-Japanese Overall Trade Liaison Council (Takasaki Office) announced January 11 that Chicoms have accepted Japanese representatives of Takasaki Office to be stationed in Peiping. Representatives are Tsunetoshi SOMA, former councillor of MITI, Yuji OWADA, managing director of Sino-Japanese Exporters and Importers Association, and Sosuke TANAKA, auditor of Bank of Tokyo. They are expected to leave for Peiping accompanied by Takasaki Office president Kaheita OKAZAKI, about January 20. (See A-911, Item 8) (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: LDP Diet member Keizo MATSUMURA and Liao Cheng-chih agreed in Peiping April 1964 to exchange trade representatives. Four Chicom representatives arrived in Tokyo August 1964. Although official GOJ position is that trade office is "private" organization, office does have unofficial GOJ blessing. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. Japan May Send Special Envoy to Indonesia

Referring to press reports that Prime Minister Sato had told reporters on his way to U.S. that GOJ might send LDP Vice President Shojiro KAWASHIMA to Indonesia to discuss GOI's withdrawal from U.N., Chief Cabinet Secretary Tomisaburo HASHIMOTO January 11 said that no action would be taken until Sato's return from Washington, scheduled January 17. Kawashima told press he had advised Sato that nothing should be done until SUKARNO's intentions become clearer. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: GOJ much concerned over implications Sukarno's U.N. policy but obviously at loss as to how to influence him, since personal message from Sato (WEEKA 1, Item 4) did not do job. Bilateral economic relations particularly/question of Japan's trade and investments in Indonesia would be high on agenda any such visit. (CONFIDENTIAL)

8. Indonesians Seize Japanese Fishing Boat

According Japanese fishery sources, Indonesian Navy January 10 captured 279 ton Japanese fishing boat "Konpira Maru" in Banda Sea south of Celebes and detained it at Ambon. Ship reportedly seized 6° South 125° East. Fonoff has received no report yet from GOJ Embassy in Djakarta but has instructed its Embassy request return of vessel. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

9. ILO Panel Members Arrive (WEEKA 52, Item 4)

Three-man Dreyer Committee arrived as scheduled, accompanied by ILO Assistant SecGen JENKS. Dreyer's statement to press at airport on January 10 said Committee will offer appropriate assistance to Japan on difficult ratification question. Jenks' separate statement cited Japan's "difficult" position vis-a-vis 66 signatory countries. Jenks met and heard opinions of LabMin Ishida and Sohyo SecGen Iwai on central issues of ratification and revision of domestic labor laws. Formal hearings began as scheduled on January 13. GOJ continued to press its proposals for revision domestic labor laws, setting January 22 as goal for Cabinet approval. Sohyo demanded "Kuraishi Plan" as absolute minimum. Key point of difference between latter plan and GOJ draft is treatment to be accorded Teachers Union; GOJ omits any positive reference to possible national recognition of Teachers Union by EdMin, which Sohyo insists is sine qua non of any legislative program to achieve ratification. Newspapers quote both Iwai and Ishida as hoping Dreyer Committee will be able to break deadlock. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sohyo now preparing to use ILO issues in spring struggle, insisting that new GOJ draft (which reflects influence more conservative wing of LDP) unacceptable. Dreyer Committee likely to find role of mediator difficult because of political implications within Japan. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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POLITICAL1. Sato Emphasizes New Asian Policy

In brief address to LDP Convention January 19 and following televised press conference following day, Prime Minister SATO declared that Japan, as one of three pillars of Free World, would pursue more active foreign policy with emphasis on assuming greater responsibility to contribute to stability and prosperity of Southeast Asia. In reply press questions which sought draw him out on China and other controversial topics, Sato said consultation agreement made during Washington visit did not "handcuff" Japan on China policy; he thought Japan should continue "separation of

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politics and economics," maintaining relations with GRC but also trading with mainland, without interference from anyone. He said Japan had neighborly feeling toward Chinese (mainland) people which other countries including US did not share, and he believed feeling was reciprocated. He denied GOJ had plans for mediating between US and Peiping or for official contact, such as ambassadorial talks, with Chicoms, but expressed view Chicom trade could be substantially expanded on "civil base" (i.e. without government credits). He noted that Chicoms not offering better terms than other suppliers for raw materials, added that advantage of neighboring location would be lost unless Chicoms improved quality and lowered prices. On Chirep he pointed out that question difficult because both GRC and Chicoms "insist there is only one China, although in fact there are two political authorities." He expressed belief UN majority would favor "important question" but thought situation would probably be somewhat changed by time of next fall's session.

On other foreign policy questions Sato reaffirmed desire to visit Okinawa but said return of Ryukyus must await appropriate time; said he continued hope for early settlement with ROK as part of program for contributing to prosperity of neighbors and would be "natural" for JSP to share this goal; denied Indo withdrawal from UN would affect bilateral relations and said GOJ would consider what cooperation it could provide Indonesians; Japan would attend forthcoming AA conference if most AA countries did so. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press typically attempted to depict "new" China policy, diverging from US, out of Sato statements. Statements in fact appeared reflect determination maintain present "trade but no political relations" line, plus less patience with uncritical views of Chicoms entertained in many Japanese quarters. Implication that "two Chinas" in fact exist may cause Sato trouble under opposition questioning in Diet, even though he made it clear that "two Chinas" policy impracticable. Much of press comment focussed on impression Sato much more self-assured than at similar conference in November, before special Diet session and Washington visit. Japanese press has prominently featured (but without implication of endorsement) Chicom criticism of Sato, such as January 20 People's Daily "Observer" article charging Sato preparing support US containment policy. Such attacks, especially in context of renewed Peiping castigation of Soviet leaders, appears likely to reduce rather than increase emotional urge in Japan for closer relations with Chicoms; this urge derives primarily from optimistic view that Chicoms are basically peaceful, neighborly types who can be brought around by those who really understand them. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. 48th Regular Diet Session Reopens

Emperor January 21 reopened Diet session, in recess since December 21. Resumption found LDP and opposition Socialists at odds over assignment of vice-speaker position and committee chairmanships, JSP pressing for allocation chairmanships in proportion to number of seats held by various parties while

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LDP insisting on continuing its monopoly of positions. With opposition threatening boycott sessions, Sato policy speech and other government policy statements postponed until January 25 or 26 in hope of resolving issue amicably.

Government January 21 presented ILO ratification and associated bills (Item 4) to Diet steering committee but indicated intention not press for action on them until budget consideration well advanced. JDA Director General KOIZUMI January 21 stated during visit to JASDF Hamamatsu base that Government will introduce bill at this session to raise JDA to Ministry status, according press. JSP Diet policy committee January 19 went on record with statement Socialists would oppose both these measures, as well as constitutional revision, introduction of single seat constituencies for Lower House elections, and entire range of Sato's foreign policy platform. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sato has publicly taken position he would do best to resolve legislative questions through discussions with opposition, but he will be under heavy pressure from his own party to take stronger line and push at least some of controversial measures through over Socialist opposition if necessary. Both parties will have eyes on June Upper House elections and possibility of general elections before year end. Possibility of stormy Diet session appears high. (CONFIDENTIAL)

### 3. Kawakami Stay in Hospital Extended

Doctors attending JSP Chairman Jotaro KAWAKAMI, hospitalized last week with cold (WEEKA 2, Item 3), announced January 18 that he was suffering from "continuing migraine induced by extreme exhaustion," and would have to remain in hospital another month. This development immediately raised question within JSP as to which of two vice-chairmen, Kozo SASAKI or Hiroo WADA, would become Acting Chairman. JSP Central Executive Committee January 20 resolved problem by adopting Secretary General NARITA's proposal that Sasaki and Wada serve jointly as chairmen. It was decided Wada would represent party in initial JSP interpellations in Diet, while Sasaki would head party headquarters delegation to Okinawa Socialist Party's anniversary ceremonies in Naha February 16-18. (WEEKA 2, Item 4). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kawakami's extended illness is expected to accelerate factional jockeying over succession. Current speculation within party is that Kawakami may step down before next fall's convention. Wada, Sasaki and Narita are leading candidates for succession, with Narita's chances counted best since Sasaki and Wada likely to deadlock. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

### 4. Cabinet Approves Draft Revisions of Domestic Labor Laws

Following LDP Executive Board unanimous approval January 15 of GOJ's draft revisions of four domestic labor laws, Cabinet January 19 approved

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drafts and decided to introduce bills as a "package" which will include bill to ratify ILO Convention 87. LabMin ISHIDA reported to Cabinet that discussions with visiting ILO Commission (WEEKA 2, Item 9) convinced him present draft bills need no changes. Package concept depends on outcome of discussions with Socialist opposition. Draft bills allegedly represent finished LDP view and will be submitted to general meeting of all LDP Diet members for formal approval this week. Bills include following substantial points: establishment in PriMin's Office of Personnel Bureau which will assume some of functions of National Personnel Authority; establishment of Council to Deliberate Basic Labor Problems of Public Service Workers; deletion of requirements that public service union officers be government employees; and clarification of status of government employees who work as full time union officers. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ref A-932. First stage of Diet procedure will be bargaining between LDP and JSP on procedural issue of whether all bills should be handled by one specially-created committee. JSP is advocating separate consideration by standing committees. GOJ reportedly likely to concede this point if pushed. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 5. LDP National Convention

LDP 16th regular convention January 19 heard PriMin Sato give address stressing need for Japan to assume greater responsibility for peace, prosperity and stabilization of Asia. Sato promised maximum possible consultation with opposition in Diet but said the LDP must move ahead resolutely with its legislative program. Sato and convention as a whole hit hardest on need for decisive victory in House of Councillors election this summer.

Convention also adopted "basic charter" and "1965 campaign goals" which generally reaffirmed preexisting policies and positions but added stress on need for patriotism, heightened moral sense, and awareness of international responsibility. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: (Ref EmbTel 2240) Convention was remarkable mainly for absence of open factional friction which marked such gatherings before Sato became PriMin. Neither programmatic documents nor speeches gave any real clue as to Sato's plans for specific governmental action. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 6. ROK-Japan Negotiating Atmosphere Suffers from "Slip of Tongue"

Shinichi TAKASUGI, new chief negotiator ROK-Japan talks (WEEKA 1, Item 5), denied to Korean Ambassador KIM at weekly meeting January 20 that he had made statements justifying Japanese occupation of Korea as reported in Communist daily Akaha. Takasugi explained that he understands Korean's bitter feelings toward Japan and said his principal objective is to obtain Korean friendship. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: To justify Japanese aid and concessions to Korea, Takasugi stated at press conference early January that Japan would have developed Korean economy if it had retained control over past 20 years. Fonoff persuaded Japanese reporters kill story, but Akahata learned of incident and publicized it. Takasugi will probably have difficult time during expected Diet interpellations on this point. (SECRET)

#### 7. JCP Chief on Rest Cure in Communist China

On advice of doctors, JCP SecGen Kenji MIYAMOTO left Japan January 18 for rest in Southern China for an unspecified length of time. According to Akahata, Miyamoto has been overworked as result of JCP convention and recent party activities. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although no reason other than health given for Miyamoto's "rest cure", it is probably one of his periodic visits for consultation with Chicom leaders. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 8. Foreign Minister Returns from UK

FonMin SHIINA returned January 19 from regular Japan-UK ministerial meeting in London where he had gone after accompanying PriMin in Washington. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This meeting apparently served little purpose for Japanese beyond establishing contact with UK Labor Government. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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promising efforts for achievement of long-term "stable" economic growth, outlining his "social development" program (housing, roads, agricultural reform), and touching briefly on social security, public safety, labor and youth problems.

Interpellations on policy speech began January 27 and scheduled continue in Upper House until January 29, Opposition questioning led off by JSP Deputy Chairman Hiroo WADA who attacked Sato foreign policy, questioning its "independence" and suggesting Sato had made secret commitments in Washington to aid U.S. Asian policy. PriMin in reply accused JSP of "inferiority complex" and lack of independent spirit in foreign policy matters. He professed "disappointment" that JSP attitude showed Japan still had long way to go to develop suprapartisan approach on foreign policy. Opposition speakers focussed foreign policy questions on Okinawa, China policy, ROK-Japan talks, and relations with Asia following familiar lines. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: No surprises emerged in either interpellations or GOJ replies, with possible exception that Sato again categorically affirmed existence of two Chinas (but not "Two-China policy"). (Ref. Embtels 2296 and 2335) PriMin projected image of greatly increased self-confidence in presentation and defense of policy speech. Attitude toward opposition much less conciliatory than was Ikeda's usual standard. Indications point to fairly stormy Diet session with approaching June Upper House elections providing stimulus for both sides to sharpen confrontation. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. Sohyo Rejects ILO Committee Mediation

Following January 23 introduction into Diet of GOJ bills for revision of domestic labor laws and ratification Convention 87, Dreyer Committee presented mediation proposals to Sohyo SecGen IWAI and LabMin ISHIDA on January 24. Proposals are that Convention 87 be ratified as soon as possible and that PriMin take initiative with "new labor policy" including periodic talks between GOJ side and representatives of government employees in order to build mutual trust. It suggested reports of these meetings should be made to Diet. Proposal also called for careful consideration of revision of domestic labor laws and asked Sohyo SecGen and LabMin to come to Geneva and report progress made to ILO session in June. It reserved for time being its opinion GOJ draft revisions. (WEEKA 3, Item 4)

GOJ accepted proposals "in principle." On January 26 Sohyo rejected all of proposals except request for June report to ILO, asserting that they did not give satisfactory assurance that GOJ would not "again break its promises as it did when Kuraishi Plan was scrapped." Sohyo maintained Dreyer Committee failed to tackle issue it came to solve, namely establishment of public workers' right to bargain collectively with central government. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Dreyer Committee proposal of early ratification and GOJ acceptance of this suggestion bring prospect of actual ratification closer. Commission's suggested periodic exchange between GOJ and employee unions, although far short of Sohyo demand for assurance of top-level negotiations (e.g. between EdMin and Teachers Union) and now rejected by Sohyo, can be expected to be revived and utilized by Sohyo in future campaigns to force GOJ meet with unionists. Failure to get both GOJ and Sohyo acceptance of Commission's proposals makes ILO issue potentially most controversial item of current Diet session. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

### 3. P. M. Visit to Okinawa

Following PriMin SATO's January 20 press conference statement (WEEKA 3 Item 1) that he would discuss a visit to Okinawa with Ambassador Reischauer after latter's return to Japan, Chief Cabinet Secretary Tomisaburo HASHIMOTO stated, "the Prime Minister will definitely visit Okinawa this year." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: If coupled with positive moves in U.S.-Japan cooperation concerning Ryukyus, such as attractive expansion of Consultative Committee functions, visit could help LDP take wind out of opposition sails on Okinawa reversion. Timing is an important factor, and statements such as Hashimoto's tend to reduce PriMin's flexibility in this respect. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

### 4. Japan Moves Cautiously on Malaysia-Indonesia Problem

FonOff Asian Bureau Director USHIROKU, after return from SEA trip, told Charge January 25 that while GOJ interested in reducing Malaysia-Indonesia tensions, FonOff approaching subject very warily and that visit of TUNKU to Tokyo in April would provide opportunity make soundings. LDP Diet Member Kosho OGASA left for Indonesia January 25 on unofficial fact-finding mission for LDP to probe SUKARNO's motives for UN withdrawal and Malaysian confrontation. Mission has no mandate make proposals for settling Malaysia -Indonesia dispute. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: FonOff well aware of difficulties attendant upon any effort ameliorate dispute and unlikely undertake any initiatives until after soundings of both sides and careful preparations. Present indications are that LDP Vice President Shojiro KAWASHIMA likely visit Sukarno sometime before Tunku's visit to Tokyo. On Kawashima's return GOJ will be able consider further steps in Malaysia-Indonesia problem. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

### 5. Vinyon Plant Sale Approved

MITI January 21 approved export Nichibo vinyon plant to ComChina but at same time stated that Ex-Im bank financing would not be made available.

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Nichibo-Chicom agreement calls for 25% downpayment, balance within 5 years at 6%. Plant capacity 50 tons vinylon daily; cost \$26,500,000. Nichibo president HARA in January 21 press conference anticipated difficulty in making future plant sales without assistance of easy government financial terms. Other manufacturers later echoed same feelings. (According January 27 news report MITI Minister announced that Exim bank would not participate in similar pending deal involving export of \$3.6 million freighter to ComChina by Hitachi.) GRC Ambassador requested information re vinylon plant sale from Asian Bureau Director Ushiroku but, contrary to press reports, did not protest GOJ action. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Government decision has been hanging fire since contract initialed in 1963. Decision re Nichibo made by PriMin Sato in face considerable opposition among business and government elements which believe that GOJ should play more active role in promoting trade with Chicoms, especially in area of providing financing. Nichibo and Hitachi decisions, plus export of refrigerator ships to South Korea (Item 6) first concrete indication direction Sato's foreign policy since Washington visit. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 6. Refrigerator Ships for Korea

Press reported January 27 that GOJ had decided approve export refrigerator ships to Korea before SHIINA visit in April. FonOff sources told Embassy that while reports reflect government attitude, actual decision not yet made but expected soon. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Decision, when actually made, should help atmosphere GOJ-ROK talks. Government can expect outcries from some fisheries circles who would prefer some promise of protection Japanese fisheries interests before approval export these ships. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 7. Akahata Attacks U.S. Publicity in Japan

During week January 17-22, JCP daily Akahata carried three items directly attacking Embassy informational activities. January 17 Akahata "Choryu" ("Tidal Currents") column reviewed item on President Johnson foreign aid message which appeared in newsletter-type publication of USIS Press Branch, and concluded: "Reason the aid is unacceptable to foreign nations is that it is military aid for purpose of making puppets fight Vietnamese comrades, Laotian comrades and other Asian comrades for sake of U.S. domination."

January 18 Akahata carried article on USTS television series "Seeing and hearing America." Mentioned also was program "America's Defenses," soon to be telecast. "These programs indicate American imperialism's cultural operations in Japan, begun during Kennedy administration, are coming out into open," said Akahata. Article charged attempt being made to deceive public

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into thinking travel series produced autonomously, but USTS is strictly controlling program content and will make sure "shameful side" of America is kept out; also tried to establish connection between USTS series and DOD. Said members of broadcasting union starting protest movement against "unprecedented" sponsoring of other nation's TV program and against Japanese TV "abandoning its self control and becoming advertising medium for America."

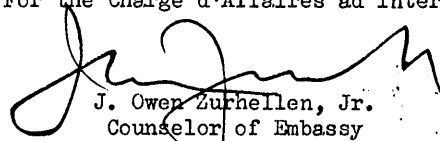
January 21 article by NAMIKI Saburo, identified as "scholar of modern Japanese history," was usual Akahata attempt to counter articles and lectures by Ambassador Reischauer, which it called "important link in chain of American imperialism's cultural policy toward Japan." Namiki's conclusion: "His (Reischauer's) arguments are intended to stir up Japan's erstwhile dream of Greater East Asian Co-prosperity Sphere' and give semblance of legitimacy to advance into Asia, Africa, and Latin America by Japanese monopoly capital, which is subservient to American imperialism."

Comment: None

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## POLITICAL

1. Diet Focus Shifts to Internal Problems

Interpellations in Lower House Budget Committee and negotiations on legislative business shifted focus to internal problems during week although Socialists continued routine needling on general foreign policy lines as well. FinMin TANAKA came under fire February 2 in minor controversy concerning tax on gasoline for agricultural use, but main target was Health and Welfare Min KANDA whose resignation again demanded by JSP for his handling of medical insurance arrangements (WEEKA 2, Item 2). On ILO legislation issue (WEEKA 4, Item 2) GOJ leaders proposed February 2 that top Sohyo leadership meet with PriMin SATO and other top officials periodically for discussions. On basis this offer, JSP Diet strategists agreed to consider ILO legislation by special committee as GOJ desired. Sohyo, however, balked at

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arrangement and February 4 indicated that in absence specific provision for "central bargaining" between Nikkyoso and Education Ministry Sohyo did not consider government proposal sufficient to warrant withdrawal of opposition to domestic legislation connected with ILO Convention 87 ratification.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: According LDP Diet member, LDP and GOJ hoped that "summit talks" proposal would permit passage ILO legislation at this Diet Session. LDP is eager to show concrete accomplishments in preparation for Upper House elections. GOJ-LDP appears likely fare badly on Health Ministry bills and appears have little prospect of establishing record of positive legislative accomplishment if ILO hopes founder. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. Seadragon Revisits Japan

U.S. nuclear sub Seadragon departed Sasebo harbor at 1100 February 5 after four-day visit, her second Japanese port call in three months. Sub was greeted on arrival February 2 by small waterborne protest demonstration and by rallies and demonstrations on land organized by leftists, but port city quieter than on occasion sub's first visit last November. Leftist protest movement appeared unable to build up much steam despite JSP and JCP agreement this time to coordinate activities. Climactic JSP-JCP rally and demonstration on second day of visit mustered less than 5000 participants, including activists imported from outside of Sasebo area. Number of demonstrators dropped sharply on third and fourth days to mere token force. Demonstrations were relatively orderly and only minor incidents were reported. Leftist-sponsored protest rallies elsewhere in country also characterized by unimpressive attendance and apparent lack of enthusiasm. Press covered entire visit in low key, with coverage tapering off sharply after first day.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: (Ref. Embtels 2392, 2415) Although SSN port calls not yet routine matter in Japan, where nuclear safety and military use nuclear power still sensitive issues and subject to exploitation by left, adverse public reaction to second SSN visit was even less than on occasion first visit. Distance of Sasebo from major urban centers and opposition's lack of funds as well as public apathy probably main factors contributing to weakness leftist protest efforts. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 3. Ogasa Returns from Indonesia

Diet member Kosho OGASA returned January 29 from special visit as LDP party representative to Indonesia, where he sought clarification Indonesian attitudes toward UN, Malaysia, etc. At press conference Ogasa said SUKARNO would welcome visit of LDP Vice-President Shojiro KAWASHIMA, Communist influence growing, but Sukarno maintaining balance of power. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Kawashima not yet decided on dates of Indonesia visit, but probably will not go before SUBANDRIO visit to Japan which now may take place mid-February. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 4. New Anti-Nuclear Organization Formed

JSP- and Sohyo-sponsored Japan People's Congress Against A- and H-Bombs (Gensuikin) was formally inaugurated February 1 in Tokyo at ceremony attended by 400 representatives trade unions, women and youth. New organization was created to compete with Communist-dominated Gensuikyo, which supports nuclear tests by Communist countries. Gensuikin's program stressed its intention to oppose nuclear tests by all countries. Inaugural meeting elected Sohyo Chairman Kaoru OTA and five others to executive board, and announced plans to hold anti-nuclear meetings in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and Tokyo this August. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Inauguration of new organization solidifies Socialist-Communist confrontation on nuclear issue dating from 1963 when JSP-Sohyo elements walked out of Gensuikyo's Ninth World Conference at Hiroshima. Gensuikin is lineal successor to JSP/Sohyo-sponsored "Liaison Council of Three (A-H Bomb) Victim Prefectures" which held 1964 rally in open rivalry with Gensuikyo. Leftist "peace" movement in Japan now split into three parts, with DSP's Kakkin Kaigi forming third segment. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 5. Joint Wage Survey Center Inaugurated

Representatives of four major Japanese labor federations, ICFTU, AFL-CIO, West German and Scandinavian unions, met in Tokyo January 30 to inaugurate Joint Wage Survey Center. Inaugural meeting attended by American unionists Victor Reuther (UAW) and Albert Epstein (AFL-CIO). Center first will aim at providing reliable statistics on Japanese wages, later will do surveys on wages of other Asian countries. First project, survey on metal industries, is scheduled to commence in April. One-third of Center budget will be provided by Japanese unions, remainder by other sponsors. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Organization meetings went very smoothly on surface, but major problem of getting cooperation among feuding Japanese labor leaders remains. Impetus and origin of Center are foreign, not Japanese, and objectives not widely or well understood among Japanese labor leaders, who are concerned with effect of Center's research on competitive power of their own companies. Remains to be seen how soon and in what manner Japanese unions will implement Center's plans. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 6. ROK-Japan Relations

21 ROK legislators arrived January 30 for two-week visit at invitation South Korean Commerce and Industry Association in Japan. Group will call on GOJ officials February 8-9. Korean PriMin CHONG Il-kwan is visiting

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Japan February 5-6 on way home from Churchill funeral. Date set for FonMin SHIINA visit Seoul February 17-20. Some progress reported in negotiations on extent ROK sovereignty and legal status of Koreans in Japan but deadlock still exists on question number Japanese fishing boats to be permitted inside conservation zones and other aspects of fisheries problem. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Knotty fisheries negotiations, as in past, present greatest obstacle to completion negotiations. Political leaders may have to reach compromise if settlement is to be made, though working levels deplore this prospect because they fear political leaders not well aware of nature of issues and might sacrifice national interests without being fully aware of what they are doing. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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## POLITICAL

1. JSP Ambushes Sato With Defense Exercise Paper

Left-wing JSP representative Haruo OKADA, in Lower House Budget Committee hearings February 10, embarrassed Primin SATO and other government spokesmen by producing what he said was copy of secret 1963 JSDF paper exercise "Mitsuya" ("Three Arrows") based on hypothetical case of North Korea-ChiCom air attack on Japan in conjunction invasion Republic of Korea. Okada charged (and GOJ spokesmen did not deny) that exercise envisaged provisions for conscription and requisition, controls over communications media and economy, and

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arrangements for expediting wartime legislation which implied infringement of Diet prerogatives. Sato, according to press, expressed view at hearing that authors of document might be punishable. Socialists demanded that GOJ produce original documents before Committee; GOJ demurred on security grounds. Agreement finally reached evening February 11, reportedly on basis Democratic Socialist Party proposal, that GOJ would submit documents in question to special sub-committee of Budget Committee and continue hearings on this issue in that body, while regular committee went on with questioning by other committee members. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Even though document has no standing in terms of GOJ policy, press and political circles widely criticized it as obviously exceeding defense establishment's proper scope. It may be regarded in some quarters as alarming sign that there is trend of thought among JDA and SDF personnel toward "taking over whole government" in emergency. In more sophisticated circles it is likely to be viewed as evidence that personnel involved in exercise lacked understanding of political realities in present-day Japan. JSP appears likely try to get maximum mileage out of issue by tying it to pre-existing charges that Sato intends to revise Constitution and take other measures associated with nationalism and stronger defense posture. This may do some damage to LDP in Upper House elections, particularly if Diet Session does not establish positive legislative record. On other hand press and apparently public have taken Okada's revelations relatively calmly, although critical of specific political gaffes in alleged exercise scenario, and there has been no sign of horrified outcry over existence of strategic staff study which might have been expected few years ago. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. Sohyo Wants Preliminary Meetings Before Sato-Ota Talks

On February 9, one week after GOJ had proposed Sato-OTA talks in line with Dreyer Committee recommendations (WEEKA 4, Item 2), Sohyo countered with proposal for preparatory meetings to determine participants and agenda, and SecGen IWAI asked for written reply to questions concerning participation Education Min and Teachers' Union representatives, and GOJ handling of ILO legislation in light of results of talks. The GOJ reportedly considers the meetings as a means for exchange of views and considers Sohyo's conditions as inappropriate and difficult.

Diet Steering Committee February 11 approved establishment special committee to consider ILO Convention 87 ratification and associated domestic legislation. Diet Plenary Session action accordingly expected February 12. Press reports former LabMin Takeo OHASHI elected Chairman. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ and Sohyo still at odds on crucial issue of national collective bargaining for Teachers' Union. They are ostensibly making efforts to follow Dreyer Committee proposals, but in reality both appear to be building cases for their report to the ILO in Geneva in June. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO3. Sohyo Leaders Withdraw from Japan-Soviet Society

Chairman OTA and SecGen IWAI resigned from Japan-Soviet Society on February 6, charging that the Society is dominated by JCP and becoming increasingly anti-Soviet. They plan to join other dissidents in forming new Soviet friendship society later this month. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Following inauguration February 1 of Sohyo-JSP-sponsored Gensuikin, abandonment of JCP-dominated Japan-Soviet Society is another example of Sino-Soviet confrontation cropping up in Japanese political left wing. New organization, if inaugurated, can be attributed to efforts of Soviet Embassy here. (CONFIDENTIAL)

4. Trade With China Political Issue

GOJ's policy of separating economics from politics becoming increasingly difficult define as result GOJ decision not permit Exim Bank financing of Nichibo Vinylon plant. (WEEK 4, Item 5) Chicoms have charged Government decision influenced by so-called "Yoshida memorandum," letter sent from former Prime YOSHIDA to GRC President CHIANG Kai-shek May 1964 in which Yoshida said Exim Bank would not be used finance deferred payments to ComChina. LIAO Cheng-chih, President China-Japan Friendship Association, quoted as saying in Peiping February 8 that under present circumstances trade under Liao-Takasaka Agreement could not develop and more reliance should be placed on trade of "friendly firms." Kaheita OKAZAKI, Chairman Japan-China Overall Trade Liaison Council, returned from Peiping Feb. 7 and said it would be difficult persuade Chicoms buy Nichibo plant or other large units such as ships in view Chicoms belief GOJ decision on Exim Bank politically motivated by pressure from Taiwan. Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO told press February 6 that GOJ not bound by Yoshida memorandum which was private letter, but Prime Sato February 8 told Diet Lower House Budget Committee that government was bound by memorandum, though not directly. MITI Minister SAKURAUCHI has stated method of financing exports internal Japanese matter and some editorials have accused Chicoms of meddling in internal Japanese affairs. While acknowledging this possibility, most editorials and many businessmen have emphasized inability meet European competition in China market without Exim Bank assistance and have taken position that Exim Bank is economic, not political organ, that its use should not affect Japanese policy of separating politics from economics, and that government should persuade GRC accept this position. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Government under considerable pressure from business circles and certain quarters of public to modify its position on Exim Bank financing. Hashimoto's statement reflects disunity within Government and LDP on question, although Hashimoto himself immediately lined up with Sato when latter made Diet statement. Ministries concerned attempting devise alternate means financing exports but not possible predict now whether they will be successful. LDP Diet member knowledgeable on Chicoms trade issue told Emb recently that Peiping appeared be making Exim Bank use as such into issue of "face," and not clear that they

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would accept other financing arrangements. Sato cannot very well retreat from his support of Yoshida memorandum and appears disinclined yield to pressures for change. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 5. Indonesian FonMin Arrives

Indonesian FonMin SUBANDRIO arrived Tokyo February 11 to explain Indo position on UN withdrawal and Malaysian confrontation and to discuss Japanese economic assistance. According press Indonesian debts to Japan now total \$170 million and Indonesians want additional Japanese loans for financing two thermo-electric power plants, a spinning mill and a urea plant, as well as credits for import of fertilizer, textiles, dyes, machine parts and tire tubes. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While Japanese reluctant extend more credit in view unsettled Indonesian economic and political conditions, chances are some credits will be provided in order preserve some Japanese influence in Indonesia in attempt to counterbalance growing bloc influence. GOJ can be expected reiterate regret over Indo withdrawal from UN and urge negotiations to reduce tensions with Malaysia. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 6. ROK FonMin Stops Over in Japan

Returning from Churchill funeral ROK FonMin CHONG Il-kwon stopped overnight February 5-6 in Tokyo and met with PriMin SATO, FonMin SHIINA and others. In airport statement, he stressed need for normalization of ties. Sato and Chong agreed to press negotiations. During week, export of 11 refrigerator boats to ROK approved and announcement made that FonMin Shiina would visit ROK February 17-20. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: These developments contribute to favorable atmosphere for pursuing negotiations which proceeding fairly well except for fisheries questions, where disagreements are wide and will require political solution. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 7. Reaction to Vietnam Reprisal Actions

Japanese official reaction to air strikes against North Vietnam relatively calm. PriMin Sato responded to Diet interpellation February 10 with statement that GOJ accepts U.S. assurance strikes at North Vietnam purely retaliatory and not intended to expand hostilities. News media gave full play to coverage of developments including Soviet and Chicom reactions. Media commentary stressed difficulty of situation in which U.S. and USSR placed, and expressed hope that some way would be found to settle matter through negotiations between U.S. and Soviets. Editorials generally deplored vicious circle of Viet Cong attacks resulting in U.S. retaliation and expressed hope that hostilities would not expand or escalate. No concrete steps to reduce crisis, e.g. third party intervention,

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were seriously advanced. (Detailed reports of media reaction being filed through USIS channels.)

Embassy received protest visits from total of 15 left-wing delegations; JCP and front groups were first on scene but later arrivals included JSP and related organizations. Protestors, some quite shrill, universally denounced U.S. actions as "outright aggression" following expected left-wing line. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Overall reaction more responsible elements of Japanese community is one of deep uneasiness but no immediate alarm. Even leftists thus far unable to generate significant support for protest movement. However, if further air strikes necessary, possibility exists that relatively mild initial reaction may give way to more emotional response. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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6. Defense Establishment Reaction to JSP Charges of "Military Plot"  
(See Item 1)

Following PriMin Sato replies in Diet Committee that he was not familiar with contents of "Mitsuya" exercise paper but Japan does not consider any country as its potential enemy, and that circumstances of exercise would be seriously investigated and perhaps punitive action taken, JDA Director General KOIZUMI described papers as "unofficial" and for study purposes only. Subsequent press reports indicated that Self-Defense Force officers were "indignant" at Sato's response and defended the study as logical peacetime exercise. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Coming at time when it appeared that chances of elevating Defense Agency to Ministry status were better than ever before, this political exercise all but eliminates prospects for current session. Incident serves to highlight glaring lack of security within Japanese defense services. Socialist sources may have bulk of this classified study, reportedly running to 1600 pages. SDF apprehensive of any "punitive action against those responsible." Officers known to be associated with the exercise include General TANAKA, GSDF, now retired, and Vice Admiral YAMAMOTO, now Chief of Maritime staff. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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## POLITICAL

## 1. FonMin SHIINA Visits Seoul

FonMin SHIINA left Tokyo February 17 for four-day goodwill visit to ROK during which he hoped reach agreement on basic relations treaty. At meetings between Korean Ambassador KIM and Japanese officials preceding visit, Japanese agreed drop reference to taking TAKESHIMA issue to International Court of Justice and both sides agreed to work out trade problems in separate agreement. JSP mounted harassment campaign in Diet to undercut Shiina visit and prevent progress in Japan-ROK talks, presenting non-confidence motion against FonMin February 16 on eve his departure (See Item 2). (Ref. Embtels 2559 and 2575). 500 Zengakuren members demonstrated at Tokyo airport against visit, precipitating minor riot. JSP group also demonstrated at airport but without violence. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Comment: Opposition groups have been unable generate popular support for their position, but they can be expected intensify their efforts. If there is resolution of fisheries question, Japanese public appears ready accept normalization. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Opposition Keeps Diet Tied Up in Minor Disputes

Following two-day excitement over "Mitsuya" exercise (WEEKKA 6, Item 1), JSP turned Diet attention to effort prevent Shiina visit to Seoul (Item 1). Socialist interpellators February 15 and 16 demanded Shiina abandon visit. Presentation of no-confidence motion against Shiina evening February 16, so timed that LDP could not dispose of it before Shiina left, occasioned new interruption of Diet business. LDP pressed for early consideration of no-confidence motion during Shiina's absence. JSP turned coy and reportedly said if LDP in such a hurry, LDP would have to present case against Shiina itself. Negotiations among parties' Diet Policy and Steering Committees according press produced agreement February 18 that Plenary Session February 19 would be held as scheduled and JSP would participate with no-confidence motion against Shiina to be taken up February 23 after his return. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Socialists reportedly were of two minds about presenting no-confidence motion since its inevitable defeat by LDP (despite doubts in some LDP quarters about Shiina's performance in earlier stages of tenure as FonMin) would reverse effect and amount to endorsement of his handling of negotiations with ROK. LDP Diet member told Embassy that JSP Executive Committee debated bitterly whether to introduce motion. Opposition, with running fire of health insurance issue (WEEKKA 5, Item 1), "Mitsuya," no-confidence motion against Shiina, and ILO ratification issue (Item 3), has delayed Diet consideration of constructive business somewhat but has not yet come up with issue which appears have potential for decisively hurting LDP. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 3. JSP-Sohyo Agree on Tough ILO Position in Diet

Sohyo Chairman OTA got JSP agreement on February 17 that party would reconsider agreement with GOJ to participate in special Diet Committee to handle ILO bills and ratification Convention 87 (WEEKKA 6, Item 2). Sohyo insists GOJ guarantee that right to national central bargaining for Nikkyoso will be written into law as price of cooperation with LDP, including proposed GOJ-Sohyo high-level talks. If this demand is not met, Ota reportedly willing to forego both ratification of ILO 87 and the "labor-management talks" suggested by the Dreyer Commission. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Insistence by Ota on tough position toward GOJ demonstrates tendency by Ota and others in Sohyo to downgrade significance of ILO and ILO Convention 87 when compared with political mileage to be gained at home through Sohyo's "struggle" tactics. In this, Ota apparently has support of anti-mainstream JSP leaders who won executive posts in recent party elections.

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(WEEK 51, Item 1) LDP Dietmembers discussing issue with Emb profess confidence that hard line on ILO would work to JSP disadvantage in terms Japanese public opinion.

#### 4. JSP Executives Boycott USCAR Briefing

A 13-member JSP executive group visited Okinawa on political fact-finding tour February 16-18. Aspect which attracted most publicity in Japan was group's refusal attend briefing by Civil Administrator and unsuccessful insistence High Commissioner should see them. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Group's original request to meet with HICOM was turned down because HICOM expected be away; they had therefore accepted invitation for briefing by Civil Administrator, but HICOM had returned earlier than planned. Boycott appeared obviously designed to attract attention to JSP role of opposing U.S. administration in Ryukyus. Incident likely have minimal impact in Japan, where such JSP tactics frequently used against GOJ and widely regarded as reflecting more bad manners than political sincerity. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 5. DSP Convention Held

Democratic Socialist Party celebrated fifth anniversary of founding during three-day convention February 13-15 in Tokyo. Convention adopted action program calling for building of "true" welfare state and approved five-year plan to increase party membership to 200,000. Keynote of opening speeches and debates was that DSP after five years of trials now facing brighter future, but party must embark on more positive course to "sell" itself to people. Convention delegates elected by acclamation new enlarged 23-member Central Executive Committee, re-electing Suehiro NISHIO to 6th term as Chairman and Ushiro ITO and Eiichi NISHIMURA to third terms as Deputy Chairman and Secretary General, respectively. Convention adopted special resolution for immediate cessation Vietnam hostilities which called on GOJ to appeal to U.S. and Chicoms, North and South Vietnamese governments for peaceful settlement and to give positive support to U Thant proposal for peace negotiations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Convention atmosphere typically free of sharp factional controversy. Delegates complaints chiefly focused on lack of militancy in party posture and insufficient headquarters support of local struggles. Party appears to have gained confidence that its very existence no longer in jeopardy and that, while rapid growth not in cards, party now has respectable organizational base with consolidation right wing trade union federation, Domei, and formation of DSP-supporting federation of small businessmen (Minchuren) during past year. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 6. GOJ Position on Chicom Trade Under Pressure

Kaheita OKAZAKI, Chairman Japan-China General Trade Liaison Council, said in Osaka February 17 that Sato Government decision to not allow Ex-Im

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Bank financing of mainland China trade aggravated Peiping/Japan relations and said popular movement in Japan must be launched to pressure government into permitting use of Ex-Im Bank financing. Nichibo corporation president HARA called on Sato February 18, according press, to ask reconsideration of decision not permit Ex-Im Bank finance Nichibo's vinylon plant export to mainland. Sato issued statement to press through Chief Cabinet Secretary saying, "We will handle this matter independently without being bound by either China or Taiwan." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: These are latest in number of moves by businessmen seeking reversal of Sato's decision prohibiting participation Ex-Im Bank in long-term financing of major exports to mainland China. Business firms have said it would be impossible for Japan to compete with Western European offers in China market unless Ex-Im Bank used. Sato does not appear to be inclined to accede to these pressures. He may be counting on increased awareness in Japan that Chicom pressure on this issue is essentially political in character to generate counter-current of resentment against Peiping's tactics. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 7. Subandrio Ends Japan Visit

Indonesian FonMin SUBANDRIO departed Tokyo February 14 for Phnom Penh after conversations with PriMin Sato and FonMin Shiina. According FonOff, Subandrio did not propose Japan undertake mediation of Indonesia/Malaysia dispute but indicated he would be happy if Japan should take initiative. (Ref. Embtel 2563) Fon Off. skeptical Japan can perform useful role at this time, but PriMin Sato exerted strong pressure on FonOff to do something. Press full speculative stories forecasting possible Japanese initiatives, particularly after Sato met with British Ambassador February 18. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: FonOff aware that issue is full of pitfalls, is casting about for personages willing to undertake fact-finding missions to Manila, Kuala Lumpur and Djakarta to sound out those capitals concerning possible Japanese role. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 8. Iwo Jima

Accompanied by U.S. and Japanese press representatives, a small force of ex-Marine veterans of Iwo Jima, including one who took part in famous flag raising, returned to Iwo for 20th Anniversary commemoration on February 19. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese have shown favorable interest, especially in actions by visitors to honor memory of those killed in battle. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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## POLITICAL

1. Diet Kills No-Confidence Motion (Ref Embtel 2630)

Lower House of Diet February 23 rejected non-confidence motion against FonMin SHIINA, with Liberal Democrats lining up firmly against Socialists, DSP and JCP. Principal JSP speech favoring motion, delivered by North Korea specialist Hisao ISHINO, included usual JSP line that normalization relations with ROK would hamper Korean reunification, and attacks on GOJ cooperation with U.S. Asian policy. DSP spokesman, in relatively moderate explanation of party's support of Socialist motion, focused on GOJ's alleged abandonment of promises to settle whole normalization issue in one package. JSP, in Committee interpellations later in week, renewed fire on specific

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points of what basic relations treaty implied for geographical extent ROK authority, and prospects for abolition of "Rhee line." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Defeat of motion was foregone conclusion and gives GOJ specific expression of Diet sentiment to which it can justifiably point as endorsement of handling negotiations with ROK. (UNCLASSIFIED)

## 2. GOJ Overture To Sohyo on ILO Matters

LabMin ISHIDA and Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO, meeting with Sohyo Sec Gen IWAI February 24, gave GOJ's written reply to Sohyo's conditions for "top level" labor-management talks suggested by Dreyer Commission (WEEKA 6, 2). Reply reiterated GOJ desire for talks at Cabinet level, and agreed to separate consultations with JSP apart from Diet deliberation on ILO bills and to consideration of basic rights of public workers by Civil Service Study Commission to be set up after ratification ILO Convention 87.

Hashimoto and Ishida reportedly stated orally GOJ favored meeting between Education Minister and Nikkyoso in near future; that EdMin would attend all meetings, that agreed points would be put into writing; and, that they hoped for consultation on selection of "neutral" members for Civil Service Study Commission.

Hashimoto, however, (also according press) told LDP Education Committee February 25 that nothing outside of reply memorandum has been "promised" to Sohyo, that question of Education Minister's attendance at "top level" talks should be decided at preliminary meetings, and that his attendance had not been promised in advance.

Iwai reportedly said Sohyo probably would accept GOJ answer. Sohyo will make formal reply in about a week. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Should Sohyo find GOJ answer acceptable, way will be opened for preliminary talks in which agenda and participants in "top-level" discussions will be chosen. Both sides face task of convincing their own wild-eyed members that this is suitable solution of issue of national collective bargaining for Nikkyoso. To date nothing of substance has been decided, but Sohyo and JSP will find it increasingly awkward to back out of preliminary talks once they begin. There appears to be glimmer of hope ILO 87 will be ratified by this session of Diet. Sato's close associates appear to be making considerable effort to this end, including near if not actual concessions to Sohyo/JSP. Continuing opposition within LDP (much of it among Sato's core of conservative-wing support) to "central bargaining" between Nikkyoso and EdMin requires careful handling of issue on GOJ side. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. ROK and Japan Initial Basic Relations Treaty

First, though lowest, hurdle toward normalization ROK-Japan relations

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taken February 20 with initialing in Seoul by FonMins YI and SHIINA of Basic Relations Treaty which: (1) provides for exchange of envoys; (2) declares previous treaties between Empires of Korea and Japan "already null and void"; (3) states ROK only lawful government in Korea "as specified" in 1954 UNGA resolution; and (4) provides for early negotiations of trade and air transport agreements. Japanese politicians commented as expected, with LDP praising Shiina and JSP, DSP criticizing. Press questioned initialing of this treaty before settlement on fisheries. During Seoul visit, Shiina referred to "unfortunate period" in Japan-Korea history "which is much to be regretted and we deeply reflect upon it." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Initialing of treaty is greatest step two nations have made toward normalization in 13 years of negotiations and atmosphere generally favorable for conclusion other agreements, though negotiations on fisheries problems (scheduled early March) more difficult for both countries than any others. FonOff surprised and pleased by lack public criticism of Shiina's strong statement of regrets for past. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Japanese Gingerly Exploring Prospects for Mediation Indo-Malaysian Dispute

According press, PriMin Sato during past week discussed in general terms with Philippine and British Ambassadors prospects peaceful settlement Indonesian-Malaysian dispute. Japanese Ambassador KAI sounded out Malaysians in Kuala Lumpur February 21. LDP Vice President KAWASHIMA February 24 asked Indonesian Ambassador HARSONO request SUKARNO to: (1) clarify his "unconditional" acceptance of findings of proposed 4-nation A-A Conciliation Commission, (2) take measures eradicate wide-spread skepticism toward Indo good faith regarding peaceful solution, and (3) provide basic conditions for maintenance friendly ties among Indonesia, Philippines, and Malaysia. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese making clear they are willing to be of service if requested but are not taking any initiatives at present. FonOff under heavy pressure from PriMin Sato to "do something" but is reluctant take positive steps unless there seem to be reasonable hopes for success. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Chinese Ambassador Sees Sato

Chinese Ambassador WEI called on PriMin Sato for first time February 24 for discussion, among other topics, of use Ex-Im Bank to finance deferred payments on exports to Communist China. Sato explained that Japanese position on use Ex-Im Bank would be determined by Japanese themselves without regard foreign pressures. Press reported Wei said he "understood" Japanese position. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: FonOff source has informed us Wei merely said he understood Sato's explanation and did not imply any approval or sympathy with Japan's position. FonOff source has also informed us that use Ex-Im Bank to finance exports to ComChina likely after \$150 million loan to GRC settled. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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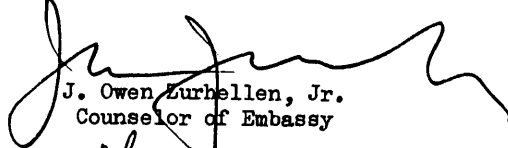
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from TOKYOMILITARY6. Reorganization of JDA Postponed

Cabinet decided February 23 to postpone plans to elevate Defense Agency to ministry level during current session of Diet. According to press, decision to defer action was made because committee which was to handle bill had its "hands full with various important bills." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Regardless of reasons given it is very apparent postponement brought about primarily by adverse publicity created by MITSUYA report (WEEKA 6, Item 8). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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6. LIAO, and Perhaps CHOU, to Japan?

POLITICAL1. Lower House. Passes Budget Despite Socialist Harassment

Final days of Lower House deliberations on JFY 1965 fiscal budget saw JSP attempt variety of delaying tactics culminating in introduction by Haruo OKADA of what he asserted were additional materials concerning Mitsuya defense planning exercise (WEEKA 6, Item 1). LDP and opposition Diet tactical leaders, however, patched together agreement to "confirm" request to JDA for presentation "necessary documents" on Mitsuya case to Lower House investigating subcommittee, and Lower House passed budget evening March 3, one day after GOJ target date. Socialists promptly resumed offensive on Mitsuya issue in Upper House budget hearings which began March 4. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Okada's alleged new material included references to

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(but no revelation of anything purporting be actual substance) U.S.-Japan joint defense strategy, and passage on hypothetical consideration at U.S. request of introduction nuclear weapons to Japan in context exercise scenario positing resumption Communist aggression in Korea. Impact to date considerably milder than sensational nature these issues might lead observers to expect. Fact that hypothetical nature of exercise made clear during intervening period probably helped reduce impact. JSP claiming "moral victory" in having delayed budget for even one day, since SATO and colleagues had stressed intention to pass it by March 2. If budget had passed by that date, it would have taken effect automatically by beginning of fiscal year April 1, regardless of Upper House action. GOJ now faces problem whether to push for early Upper House action on budget, giving opposition further opportunity for seeking publicity through obstruction efforts, or turn attention to other pending legislation. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. GOJ Supports U.S. Vietnam Policy

During Lower House Budget Committee interpellation on March 3 FonMin SHIINA said that in view info supplied by U.S., whose word he trusted, U.S. and GVN air strikes against North Vietnam should be regarded as acts of self defense and that U.S. did not desire expansion of war. In same forum on Feb. 27 Shiina had said Chicoms exhibiting aggressive tendency and their neighboring countries felt threatened. He said Chicom nuclear explosion last year and determination develop nuclear capacity were among reasons for this view. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese generally have not felt themselves threatened by Chicoms and have been inclined view lightly evidence of Chicom aggressiveness. Chicom nuclear explosion has shaken these attitudes and Shiina's statements will probably have useful educational effect. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 3. Graves Visit to Bonin Islands

In accordance with agreement reached during Prime Minister Sato's visit to Washington last January, Embassy informed FonOff March 4 of U.S. approval of GOJ request to allow former residents of Bonin Islands and Iwo Jima to visit ancestral graves. FonOff immediately informed news media. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ's alacrity in publicizing this development reflects importance it attaches to graves visits. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 4. Sohyo Convention: Iwai Rejects GOJ Overture on ILO

In address at opening session Special Sohyo Convention on March 3, SecGen IWAI stated GOJ position (WEEKA 8, Item 2) on national collective

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bargaining for Nikkyoso and basic rights of workers incorporated in "KURAISHI Plan" was too vague to be accepted by Sohyo. Unless GOJ clearly stated its position Sohyo saw no point in top-level conferences as proposed by the Dreyer Commission and therefore would not participate in preparatory talks. Iwai cited Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO's statement the day after GOJ proposals were made, denying that EdMin's attendance at "top-level" meetings had been promised to Sohyo, as evidence of vagueness of GOJ position. Iwai said Sohyo would continue to press GOJ to take firm stand on these two issues.

Convention speeches so far following usual pattern; debate is concerned with theoretical issues rather than practical struggle tactics.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Iwai has simply restated Sohyo's basic position while leaving door open for further talks and for a disposition of central bargaining for Nikkyoso in manner which both GOJ and Sohyo can accept. Quick and smooth solution to ILO problem unlikely and issue remains available for placards in spring struggle. Although too early to assess intensity of spring struggle, Convention shows little evidence of the war-whooping of last year's pre-struggle convention. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 5. Fisheries Talks with ROK Open

On March 3 Japanese and Korean Agriculture-Fisheries Ministers opened ministerial-level negotiations for fisheries agreement and agreed on three-point agenda: (1) boundaries of Korean exclusive zone; (2) conservation measures; and (3) fisheries cooperation. At opening meeting both sides expressed determination reach early settlement. ROK AgMin paid brief courtesy call on PriMin Sato March 3. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Each side approaching negotiations well aware of interests, objectives, and problems of the other and each appears determined reach agreement. Atmosphere favorable, but some difficult problems exist and some hard bargaining can be expected before final agreement reached. Quite possible amount and terms of fisheries cooperation may be left for PriMins to decide during final overall negotiations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 6. Liao, and Perhaps Chou, to Japan?

Former PriMin Tanzan ISHIBASHI, after February 27 meeting with PriMin Sato, told press he and Kenzo MATSUMURA had decided invite China-Japan Friendship Association President LIAO Cheng-chih to Japan and that Sato had promised see Liao if he came. Chief Cabinet Secretary Hashimoto, however, said Sato had made no such commitment but would give matter due consideration if Liao should come. He said that under present circumstances, however, it would be difficult for Sato to see Liao. JSP Diet member KOBAYASHI said March 3 in Lower House Budget Committee that JSP planning

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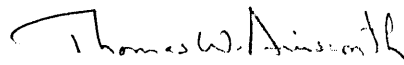
invite ChiCom delegation, preferably led by CHOU En-lai, to Japan this year and asked whether GOJ would permit entry. Justice Min TAKAHASHI said entry ChiCom visitors would be decided on "case-by-case" basis according purpose of visit. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Neither Ishibashi nor Hashimoto is 100% reliable source and as of March 4, FonOff had not obtained authoritative version of Ishibashi-Sato conversation. Liao has taken position he would not come unless Japan agreed use Ex-Im Bank to finance Nichibo plant sales to ComChina. Sato told Chinese Ambassador WEI (WEEKA 8, Item 5) that use of Ex-Im Bank would be determined without outside interference. Wei replied that this was only natural for independent nation. He recalled statements by both Sato and FonMin Shiina this subject last two months and said he "trusted" Japan. In event Japan decides in future to allow Ex-Im Bank to finance plant exports to ComChina, Sato will find it embarrassing and difficult to explain apparent reversal of policy from previous statements, even though they are equivocal. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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None.

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FROM : Amembassy TOKYO

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SUBJECT: JOINT WEEKA NO. 10

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2. Socialist Party Chief Tenders Resignation
3. Korean Negotiations
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POLITICAL

1. Defense Agency Submits "Three Arrows" Explanation to Budget Committees

Defense Agency DirGen KOIZUMI, on basis Cabinet decision concerning appropriate response to Socialist demands in Diet for "official MITSUYA (Three Arrows) Plan documents," submitted written "explanation" of controversial paper exercise (WEEKA 6, Item 1) to Budget Committees in both houses of Diet March 10. Koizumi's paper, representing "unified view" of GOJ, attempted to provide rationale for "Three Arrows" exercise, citing need for peacetime study of

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possible emergencies in order to evolve plans of action in response to these emergencies. "Three Arrows" made basic assumptions concerning anticipated Government actions in given situation, but did not intend to imply that armed services would force these actions on Government. At House of Councillors Budget Committee meeting Koizumi stressed that "Three Arrows" study was not official Defense Agency plan nor had study itself ever received Agency approval. Socialists still pressing for submission of all data connected with study. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP obviously not satisfied with Koizumi paper, particularly since they interpreted agreement with LDP (WEEKA 9, Item 1) as providing for request JDA submit "necessary documents" from study itself. Decision to submit only "explanation" represents victory for defense establishment and more conservative wing of LDP. On other hand these "victors" hurt by collapse, thanks to Mitsuya and JSP, of their hopes for elevation Defense Agency to Ministry level this year. Further development of Mitsuya case presumably depends on whether Opposition has additional sensational material ready for use. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Socialist Party Chief Tenders Resignation

JSP Chairman Jotaro KAWAKAMI, hospitalized since January 13 with cerebral hemorrhage (WEEKA 3, Item 3), notified party headquarters evening March 10 decision to resign his post. Reason given was that doctors had reported that even after full recovery from present illness, two months hence, Kawakami could not expect resume full activity without danger to health. At emergency session March 11, JSP Central Executive Committee delegated succession problem to 5-man committee composed of Party Vice-Chairman Hiroo WADA and Kozo SASAKI, SecGen Tomomi NARITA, and two members of Kawakami faction. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Kawakami's early resignation confronts JSP with troublesome succession problem. As long as Kawakami retained chairmanship, party had decided to face June Upper House elections under dual leadership of co-equal vice-chairmen Sasaki and Wada, thus avoiding bitter factional struggle during campaign. Although Narita reportedly favors continuation of present dual leadership arrangement until next regular convention, issue now likely to be forced as Wada, Sasaki, and Eda factions demand early decision by special convention. Complex factional situation precludes easy solution. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. Korean Negotiations

FonOff informed Emb March 11 that Ministers of Agriculture CHA and AKAGI have agreed on total annual catch of 150,000 tons (plus or minus 10%) for Japanese in conservation zones. Unresolved matters include areas of

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exclusive Korean fishing waters northeast and northwest of Cheju-do and number of Japanese ships to be permitted to fish in conservation zones. Ambassador KIM flew to Seoul March 12 for consultations concerning fisheries talks.

FonMin YI saw FonMin SHIINA March 11 on way to U.S. Yi pressed ROK position on fisheries issue; asked for increase in third category of financial settlement; and requested final signature of Basic Relations Treaty upon his return from U.S. trip.

First round of trade talks opened between Korean Ambassador Kim and FonMin Shiina March 11 to discuss current imbalance in trade, status of Japanese businessmen in Korea and other trade matters. Ambassador Kim and chief Japanese negotiator TAKASUGI March 10 discussed inconclusively Korean request to establish committee to deal with property claims, a matter which Japanese had considered settled by the tentative Kim-OHIRA financial agreement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Fishery issues appear to be greatest hurdle at moment. Although Japanese are standing firm, differences over fishing areas and number of ships do not appear insoluble. However, boundaries of conservation zones, methods of regulating zones, and fisheries cooperation fund hardly touched upon so far and will take time to settle. Question base lines and extent territorial waters in Cheju Strait will also require hard bargaining. Thus there is still considerable way to go before agreement on fisheries reached. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 4. GOJ Attention to Vietnam

GOJ March 8 announced decision to send Shunichi MATSUMOTO, 1952-55 Ambassador to Britain, to visit South Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos on fact-finding trip starting March 18. In Diet interpellations PriMin SATO March 8 stated that he hoped North and South Vietnam would live peacefully within their respective spheres and indicated belief that new 14-nation Geneva conference would be useful in settling issue. He also said that if proper opportunity presented itself he would wish send suitable emissary to South Vietnam to attempt mediation. FonMin Shiina March 10 declared GOJ supported U.S. counterattacks against North Vietnam for its continued aggression against South Vietnam and said that GOJ does not wish see South Vietnam communized. In backgrounder to foreign press March 5 FonOff Public Affairs Bureau Director SONO said GOJ backed U.S. air strikes against North Vietnam which aimed at ending North Vietnamese assistance to Viet Cong and which could help achieve balance of forces which would make negotiations possible. He hoped U.S. raids would not be repeated. While backing account of North Vietnamese involvement in south set forth in U.S. White Paper, he expressed view Viet Cong possess large measure of nationalism which more important than aid from North. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Vice FonMin ODA informed Charge GOJ has no actual intention of attempting mediation. While GOJ spokesmen have supported U.S. air strikes, they are clearly unhappy at prospect of escalation of war. Statements reflect

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widely held emotional desire for peaceful settlement and belief that principal cause of GVN's difficulties lies in its inability secure support from people and achieve domestic stability. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 5. More on Liao Visit

At House of Councillors Budget Committee session March 5, Prime Minister Sato referring to ISHIBASHI's plan to invite China-Japan Friendship Committee Chairman LIAO Cheng-chih to Japan (WEEK 9, Item 6), said GOJ would accord Liao cordial treatment if he should come and expressed belief visit would be helpful in settling issues between two countries. Sato also said GOJ would respect intent of YOSHIDA memorandum which is morally binding, but added GOJ would not be bound by memorandum in perpetuity. He denied GOJ refusal to permit Ex-Im Bank participation in Nichibo vinylon plant sale was result GRC intervention and said GOJ "could not necessarily go along with ChiComs' excessive, Oriental-style preoccupation with face." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: FonOff believes Liao unlikely visit Japan any time soon, since GOJ unlikely alter position on conditions of vinylon plant financing, which Liao has made condition for his trip. Sato thus reasonably safe in offering cordial treatment. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 6. GOJ Sends Delegation to Ch'eh Ch'eng Funeral

LDP faction leader Mitsujiro ISHII March 9 led Japanese delegation to attend state funeral of GRC Vice President Ch'eh Ch'eng. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japan is believed to be only country to send special delegation to funeral. According to FonOff, visit expected provide convenient opportunity for Ishii to discuss with GRC leaders Japanese position on trade with ChiComs. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 7. Decorations for Ryukyuan War Dead

GRI, with USCAR concurrence, agreed to undertake implementation of GOJ program to award posthumous decorations to more than 50,000 Ryukyans who lost lives in World War II. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Program has been underway in Japan for past several years and GOJ was under considerable domestic and Ryukyuan pressure to extend it to Ryukyus. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 8. JCP Leader Returns from Communist China

JCP SecGen Kenji MIYAMOTO returned March 7 from a six-week "rest cure" in Communist China. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Miyamoto's return is somewhat earlier than had been expected. It is reported that TENG Hsiao-ping flew to meet Miyamoto immediately prior to his departure and there is speculation that this meeting had some connection with his early return. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARY9. GSDF Group Visits Okinawa for Field Study

200 Ground Self-Defense Force officers and cadets departed March 11 to begin 4-day inspection military facilities, view military exercises and tour battlefields on Okinawa. Second group of 180 GSDF officers and cadets will make similar visit beginning March 13. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is largest group of JSDF personnel to visit Okinawa. More such trips are expected under GSDF's new special training program. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10. Defense Agency Submits "Three Arrows" Explanation to Budget Committees

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## POLITICAL

## 1. KAWAKAMI Resignation Shelved

JSP Central Executive Committee March 16 approved decision of top party executives not to accept chairman Jotaro Kawakami's resignation (WEEKA 10, Item 2) until after June Upper House Elections, with party remaining under present joint leadership of Vice-Chairmen, SASAKI and WADA, and SecGen NARITA in interim. Decision was strongly opposed by majority Upper House JSP Diet members, Kawakami supporters and former SecGen EDA, who demanded immediate party convention to select new chairman. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Issue of Kawakami resignation creating sharp factional controversy in party. Decision to maintain status quo publicly explained as move to prevent open squabble preceding June elections. However, major reason is factional deadlock. Sasaki and Wada factions are reportedly in process of working out compromise solution, with latter proposing Sasaki assume role of acting chairman. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. LDP Leaders Comment on General Elections Timing

Primin SATO March 18 told LDP Diet first-termers he thought "two elections in same year would be difficult," implying no House of Representatives election this year; he added, however, that Diet dissolution could depend on attitudes of opposition parties and perhaps on intra-LDP circumstances. Minister of State Ichiro KONO had told press March 14 that he favored Diet dissolution around April 1966. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: With Councillors election anticipated to be June 20 (although date not yet announced), Sato and Kono's statements run counter to encouragement toward early general election which former Primins KISHI and YOSHIDA reportedly giving Sato. Kishi and Yoshida are said to feel Sato will not have firm hand over LDP until he has led party in successful Lower House election. Sato may well feel need to make record of accomplishment (at least Korean settlement or other major foreign policy success, plus some significant domestic legislation such as ILO-related bills) before facing the big test. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 3. Korean Negotiations Move Ahead

Sato during week added to momentum of progress in negotiations for normalization of relations. March 15 Sato asked faction leader Aichiro FUJIYAMA to support speedy conclusion of talks. LDP right-wing pillar Okinori KAYA had been reported March 13 as urging Sato conclude negotiations soonest. In Cabinet meeting March 16 Sato told Ministers he is determined to find "fair" solution to differences between ROK and Japan and instructed Ministers not to permit minor points to obstruct rapid progress. Kono reportedly is moving behind scenes to encourage negotiators not to quibble over minor points. JSP, for its part, designated week of March 20-27 as "Smash ROK-Japan Talks Week."

Negotiators engaged in intense series bargaining sessions on whole series of issues as GOJ prepared red carpet treatment for FonMin YI's arrival March 23. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Sato committed to settlement and is increasing pressure on negotiators to reach agreement soonest. His approach to Fujiyama brings all elements LDP (except handful of mavericks preoccupied with wooing Peiping) behind early settlement. Indications are that most important issues may be settled at least in principle by end of Yi's visit. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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Primin Sato in Diet March 12 said primary need in Southeast Asia was to secure safety of every nation in area and that if guarantee for safety could be obtained, U.S. would not bomb North Vietnam. He added GOJ would send observers to area to study situation and would cooperate in talks that could lead to truce. Shunichi MATSUMOTO, former Ambassador to U.K. and war-time Ambassador in Indo-China, left March 18 for survey of situation.

At request Japan Seamen's Union, Nissho Shipping Co. notified ChiComs it would not permit its 1,500-ton tanker (chartered to ChiComs) to carry gasoline from Shanghai to Haiphong on grounds of safety.

Asahi March 17 carried two-page summary of views of prominent persons on Vietnam situation, large majority of whom blamed U.S. for difficulties there. Only former Ambassador to U.S. ASAKAI made point that advice to stop interference should be directed at North Vietnam, not U.S. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press play on Vietnam continues heavy and most media comment critical of U.S. policy, expressing fear of escalation and advocating peaceful negotiations for settlement. Sato's justification U.S. policy, qualified as it is, is ahead of public sentiment. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

5. Japan to Attend Bandung Anniversary

Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO told press March 17 that in response Sukarno invitation to Sato attend 10th anniversary of Bandung Conference April 17-26 GOJ would send "suitable person." Embassy informed that while GOJ wishes send representative in order remain on reasonably good terms with Indonesia, FonOff having difficulty finding suitable person, several possible candidates having turned down opportunity. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

6. Treatment of A-Bomb Victims in Ryukyus

USCAR, GRI and GOJ reached agreement on medical treatment for A-bomb victims now residing in Ryukyus. Agreement provides for dispatch of Japanese medical survey team as well as transportation and treatment in Japanese institutions with costs borne by GOJ. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This will provide approximately 80 victims with benefits identical to those provided other sufferers in Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

7. DirGen of PriMin's Office Visits Okinawa

DirGen USUI visited Okinawa March 16-18. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: This was Usui's second visit to Okinawa since he became Director General last summer. Principal purpose of visit was to seek views of Ryukyuan growers on GOJ sugar purchase plan. Although GOJ agreed to purchase 60% of Ryukyuan sugar production at above market price, Ryukyuan are pushing for 90%. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 8. Visit of Spanish Foreign Minister

FonMin CASTIELLA and party, which included FRANCO's daughter and her husband, arrived in Tokyo March 15 for a six-day official visit. Castiella was received by Emperor and PriMin, and signed agreement on mutual waiver of visas with FonMin. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Following protocol visits to Philippines, Thailand and Taiwan, this first visit of a Spanish FonMin to Japan, was principally for courtesy and sightseeing. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 9. Sohyo Stages Second Phase of Spring Struggle

On March 17 approximately two million workers of 26 Sohyo and Christsuroren unions took part in workshop rallies in support of Sohyo's spring struggle demands (A-1223). There was little inconvenience to public. With exception of 24-hour strike by Federation of Metal Miners' Unions, strikes lasted for only one or two hours in early morning. Almost 10,000 demonstrated in orderly fashion in front of Labor Ministry, Welfare Ministry, and Prime Minister's Office, where they presented petition. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Effect on public of "second wave of the spring struggle" was nil. However, turnout by public unions somewhat larger than expected. One reason for stronger response is series of increases this year in rates for public services and utilities (GOJ coincidentally approved fare increases for nine bus companies on same day). Sohyo chairman OTA can be expected to use larger turnout to back his thesis that workers are ready to fight. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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#### 10. Radio Japan's Vietnamese Broadcasts

March 26 issue of weekly magazine Shukan Asahi reported that NHK's "Radio Japan" broadcasts to Southeast Asia in Vietnamese have recently been tripled in total weekly air time. Now fifteen minutes daily, broadcasts will be further increased in April to twenty minutes: ten minutes for news and ten minutes for "information or music." With total of two hours twenty minutes weekly, this Vietnamese programming will be fifth in volume after other NHK broadcasts to Southeast Asia in Mandarin, English, Thai and Indonesian.

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Shukan Asahi article said that since beam is heard simultaneously in North and South Vietnam, handling news is "difficult". Since NHK takes policy position that it can only express serious concern about Vietnam without taking sides, this limits scope of what can be said, according to NHK staff member.

NHK estimates it has 3,000-4,000 listeners in all Vietnam, with most in South. Fan mail averages 30-40 letters a month, mostly from Saigon. Majority of letters are from university students; second come teachers and government employees.

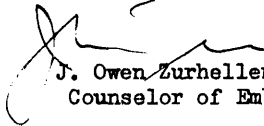
Announcing and script translation is done by Vietnamese students in Japan, and three Japanese experts on Vietnam advise NHK on programming. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

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POLITICAL

1. GOJ/LDP Try To Squeeze Domestic Politics Into Schedule

GOJ leaders found most of week taken up with ROK settlement, including visit ROK FonMin YI (Item 4) and fisheries negotiations (Item 5), and Vietnam situation (Item 3), but took few available opportunities to turn attention to domestic politicking looking to June

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House of Councillors elections. PriMin SATO, in one of few positive public statements on defense questions since taking office, told Defense Academy on occasion ninth commencement ceremonies March 20 that Self-Defense Forces "should be not only armed force for self-defense but also core for unity of Japanese people," according press. He reportedly expressed belief that Japan would have to play bigger role and assume greater responsibilities in future for maintenance of world peace. Sato also confirmed to second-term LDP Lower House members March 25 that he did not intend call general election this year. LDP SecGen MIKI, in Sendai to campaign for LDP gubernatorial candidate, March 21 called ILO-87 ratification (Item 6) one of measures essential to LDP success in Upper House elections. Miki and State Minister KONO, meanwhile, were rumored newly at odds over LDP factional rivalries in Gifu-ken stemming from Lower House by-election in December 1964 (1964 WEEKA 53, Item 3), with Kono supporting prefectural governor whom local LDP and Miki accuse of violating party regulations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Burden of foreign policy problems, with Bandung anniversary, mainland China trade, and fishing negotiations with Soviets active in addition to issues noted above, is effectively pre-empting attention of Sato and most of his close advisers, according to political circle talk. Miki's reference to ILO as "must" for polls is believed to reflect general LDP sentiment. Little else which deserves name of "Sato program" has yet gone into Diet hopper, and Upper House at least is described as eager to finish substantive work by early April so that members up for reelection can take to campaign trail. At same time combination of election contest and highly emotional foreign affairs and labor issues is likely increase opposition's willingness to pull out stops against government (Item 7), annual "spring struggle" and "demonstration weather" are at hand, and domestic affairs will call for increased attention and careful handling on Sato's part. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. Ikeda Gets Clean Bill Of Health

Former PriMin Hayato IKEDA had final medical check-up March 25 at National Cancer Center, was pronounced completely free of throat tumor which forced his retirement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Re-emergence of Ikeda into more active role, even as "elder statesman," would be more likely to contribute to stability within LDP than contrary, and his presence in LDP councils might help reduce opposition suspicions that LDP headed off on right-ward tangent. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO3. Japanese Horrified By Use Of Gas In Vietnam

News that gas had been used in Vietnam brought expressions of consternation and revulsion from mass of Japanese editorialists and commentators. FonMin SHIINA, in response to Diet interpellation March 24, said that he did not have sufficient information on reported use of gas to comment, but if it developed U.S. was using gas contrary to international law, he would have to take diplomatic action to make known Japanese people's sentiments. In response to another question, Shiina said that whether or not U.S. extends air strikes deeper into North Vietnam depends entirely upon whether DRV continues infiltration into south. In March 25 interpellation Shiina told Diet committee that U.S. not using poison gas and that therefore its use does not violate international law. 16 JSP Diet members called at Embassy March 25 to protest use of gas, received explanation based on Rusk and McNamara press conferences. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ support of U.S. actions in Vietnam had been given in spite of widespread doubts about wisdom U.S. policy. Report on use of gas has made GOJ position even more difficult. U.S. explanations concerning nature of gas and its uses have not appreciably reduced public revulsion generated by first reports, in which Japanese-language press widely used term "poison gas"; hopefully Shiina's statement will help. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Korean FonMin Given Red Carpet Treatment

GOJ has gone all out to make FonMin Yi's 5-day state visit as impressive as possible. March 23 airport arrival ceremonies included display of Japanese, Korean flags, both national anthems, review of SDF honor guard, and welcome led by FonMin Shiina and Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO, plus diplomatic corps. In addition to working meetings and dinner with Shiina, Yi has had lunch with PriMin Sato and will be received by and have tea with Emporor. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Yi is first Korean official to be state guest and to be received by Emperor. GOJ hopes this treatment will improve Japanese image in Korea. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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from TOKYO5. Japan and ROK Reach Fisheries Agreement

Most formidable barrier to ROK-Japan normalization was overcome March 24 when AgMins AKAGI and CHA reached agreement on fisheries issue providing for: (1) 12-mile exclusive Korean fisheries zone; (2) jointly-controlled fisheries zone well inside Rhee Line; (3) total number Japanese vessels authorized in jointly-controlled zone - 385 trawlers, 120 purse-seiners and 1,700 small coastal fishing vessels; and (4) \$90 million fisheries loan repayable in ten years, including two-year grace period, at rates of interest averaging 5.5%. Political party spokesmen commented along expected lines - LDP praising, JSP adamantly opposing, and DSP and Komeito giving qualified approval. Press generally approved, though most papers said there should be statement specifically abolishing Rhee Line, and called for compensation for vessels seized and not returned by Koreans and for 8 Japanese fishermen who died in Korean custody. Fishermen in western Japan reportedly jubilant at removal of fear of seizure but owners reserved because of loss of some rich fishing areas around Cheju Island. 2,000-man Chosen Soren group March 24 demanded cessation of talks. Mindanao (South Koreans) group declared ROK delegation "sold out" Rhee Line and demanded "fair treatment" for Korean residents in agreement on their future status now under negotiation. Only reported violence was clash of police and Korean students near Korean Mission March 25. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although wording of draft agreement, scheduled to be initialed March 27 still requires some attention, especially concerning details fisheries loan interest provisions, basic decisions have been made and have contributed to tempo and momentum of negotiations. While there is some criticism of details, public generally appears to approve and it doubtful hard core leftists can attract much public support for their views. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. JSP Names Representatives To Diet ILO Committee

On March 20 Japan Socialist Party named its members to Diet ad hoc Committee on ILO which was set up February 12, and theoretically it is now possible begin deliberations on Convention 87 and bills to revise domestic labor laws. GOJ indicated plans to have committee proceedings

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begin about April 10, after start of GOJ-Sohyo talks which are scheduled for April 5. LDP has publicly expressed hope for ratification and passage of bills by mid-April. In Sohyo camp, Nikkyoso remains adamant on question of national collective bargaining with EdMin, and plans meeting of 10,000 members April 14-16 in Tokyo. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: If Lower House approves Convention by April 19 (i.e. 30 days before end of session), it automatically becomes law without need for Upper House vote. GOJ reportedly hopes JSP will cooperate, but plans, if JSP-Sohyo continue opposition on issue, to ratify ILO 87 and defer consideration revision of domestic laws (Embtel 2960). There is stronger basis for LabMin officials' present optimism than ever before, but other troublesome issues may shake GOJ resolve to force ratification over demonstrations of opposition by JSP. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 7. Sohyo Plans Political Demonstration

Sohyo has issued instructions calling for parades and meetings of 50,000 unionists in Tokyo on March 27, on issues of ROK-Japan normalization, Vietnam and SSN. JCP groups and students will be permitted to participate. Call for this solely political demonstration, first of such dimensions in long time, reportedly represents feeling of Sohyo leaders that these issues have reached point where Sohyo must protest. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Decision to allow JCP participation represents victory for SecGen IWAI and others in Sohyo leadership who favor joint action with JCP in "peace movement," and modification of last year's post-convention policy of banning joint struggles with JCP except on rigid terms. Latter policy helped take steam out of anti-SSN demonstrations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 8. 72-Hour Transit Visa Approved For Ryukyus

USCAR announced that starting April 1, travelers transiting Okinawa would be allowed to remain up to 72 hours rather than being required to depart on next available transportation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This further liberalization of travel was well received by Japan generally. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 9. West German Navy Training Cruiser Visits Japan

West German Navy training ship "Deutschland" with 267

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cadets aboard arrived Tokyo March 24 on world training cruise. 5500-ton "Deutschland" is first German Navy ship to visit Japan since World War II, and is returning September 1963 call of Japanese Training Squadron to Kiel. Commanding Officer, Captain Herwig Collmann, paid courtesy calls on local Japanese officials and Commander U.S. Naval Forces Japan at Yokosuka. "Deutschland" is scheduled depart Tokyo March 29 for visit to Osaka April 1-5. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Press has given favorable though limited coverage to visit and MSDF officials impressed by smartness of ship and crew. (UNCLASSIFIED)

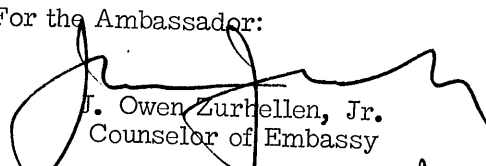
10. PriMin Sato Addresses Defense Academy Graduates

Speaking before 497 graduates at Defense Academy March 20, PriMin Sato urged defense leaders to seek conditions for achieving international peace through sober analysis of the world situation. He stated that Japan has long supported the United Nations peacekeeping activities while trying to step up its own self-defense capabilities to insure safety of the nation in face of ever-changing international situation. He added that the Self-Defense Forces are the very emblem of the people's patriotism and should not remain mere force for armed self-defense but should become nucleus of national solidarity.

During Diet interpellations following week, Socialists asked PriMin if he was quoted correctly that SDF was emblem of patriotism and nucleus of national solidarity. In reply he simply restated those portions of his address in question. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: PriMin is continuing to strongly support the SDF and above statements are perhaps strongest yet made advocating a stronger defense capability for Japan. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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# POLITICAL

## 1. ROK-GOJ to Initial Agreements

Korean FonMin YI's visit (WEEKA No. 12, Item 4), originally expected to end March 27 with initialing of principal outline agreements between two countries during past week, stretched into cliff-hanger. Principal negotiators both sides worked long past midnight several evenings during week trying to iron out differences. Principal points at issue were: (1) terms of loans under claims

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settlement and (2) wording of provisions on treatment of Koreans in Japan. Definition of terms in fisheries agreement (Weeka No.12, Item 5) also proved troublesome. However, FonMin Yi informed Ambassador morning April 2 that he expected initial all agreements that afternoon and return Seoul April 3. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Protracted negotiations on minor points have frayed tempers on both sides. There remain minor points of disagreement which will have to be resolved during drafting process after initialing of agreement on major points. FonOff officials have told us that Cabinet and some LDP leaders have become critical of FonOff for giving too much to Koreans. Press began charging "give away" early in week. More such criticism can be expected in future. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. GOJ Seeks to Speed Up Legislation

Upper House evening March 31 passed general budget (WEEKA 9, Item 1) in time to meet beginning of fiscal year April 1. March 29 Prime Minister SATO had called on LDP Chairmen of Lower House Standing Committee and Special Committee for cooperation in speeding Diet work on pending legislation. LDP followed up with April 1 meeting of its members both Houses at which SecGen MIKI, according to press, pointedly reminded legislators that success in Upper House elections could depend on fruitfulness of current Diet Session. LabMin ISHIDA scheduled meeting with Sohyo Chairman IWAI April 2 to seek promote high-level GOJ-Sohyo meetings which could lead to action on ILO legislation. Both LDP and opposition party officials, according press, applied pressure to their respective Diet contingents to remain in Tokyo for rest of current Diet Session to push or oppose (as case might be) pending legislation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Schedule of legislative action is running behind last year's regular Diet Session. Handling of budget in Upper House probably intended as reminder to JSP that LDP could, if necessary, push through legislation it desired without observing traditional Japanese amenity of seeking measure of agreement or understanding with opposition. No indication thus far that Sohyo willing concede on terms (WEEKA 7, Item 3) for agreeing to ILO ratification or that GOJ willing yield to Sohyo demands, particularly on "central bargaining" issue. Lower House Special Committee on ILO issue (WEEKA 12, Item 6) has not yet held substantive meeting. LDP leadership appears in somewhat of quandary over how to get desired legislative action while avoiding full-scale confrontation with opposition. Sato and LDP actions during current session imply continuing belief that "high posture" symbolized by frontal confrontation still politically disadvantageous. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 3. Donnybrook in Metropolitan Assembly

Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly March 29 was scene of free-for-all as

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LDP and opposition members clashed over convening final Plenary Session which was scheduled to take up unpopular measure raising city water rates. Police finally entered assembly hall to keep order and riot police kept opposition demonstrators in order outside building. Session finally convened over opposition objections, but controversial measure was postponed until next regular Assembly Session in June. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Incident appears primarily result popular criticism of steep increase in water rates, compounded by widespread dissatisfaction with Metropolitan Assembly over scandals and inefficiencies. Possible, however, that opposition resort to strong-arm tactics motivated in part by desire to remind LDP that opposition had not necessarily completely abandoned such measures, with implication they might be used in Diet if necessary. If so, it was probably error, since media reaction was uniformly adverse. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 4. Japan to Attend Bandung Anniversary Conference

GOJ Cabinet March 30 decided to send LDP Vice President Shojiro KAWASHIMA to Indonesia as principal Japanese representative at Bandung anniversary conference. He will be accompanied by former Ambassador to U.K. Katsumi OHNO and several LDP Diet members. PriMin Sato, in foreign policy discussion with JSP leaders April 1, said preparations being made in expectation Japanese delegation would naturally have opportunity meet ChiCom reps. Several papers headlined this prospect but gave divergent versions of Sato statement. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ aware it will be in difficult position at conference, which rigged to ensure strong anti-American overtones, but felt attendance necessary, in part to maintain modicum of influence with Indonesia. GOJ highly unlikely support resolutions which blatantly anti-West and may have some moderating influence. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 5. Japanese Apprehensive Over Escalation in Vietnam

Japanese press, while sympathizing with victims of American Embassy bombing in Saigon, expressed apprehension over what U.S. might do in retaliation. Media in general saw Embassy bombing as latest step in escalation of war which might ultimately involve Japan. Press reported Ambassador to U.S. TAKEUCHI had seen Secretary Rusk under instructions to express hope U.S. would act with prudence. Press also full of reports, including one from special GOJ envoy Shunichi MATSUMOTO (WEEKA 10, Item 4), that Indo-Chinese peoples look to Japan to help get them out of their predicament. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

#### 6. Sohyo's Political Rally Comes a Cropper

March 27 Sohyo-sponsored rallies against ROK-Japan talks and

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Vietnam conflict drew only 4200 people; plans had called for 50,000. Rallies and marches to Diet were orderly. Participants were mostly unionists, with some JCP groups and students. Sohyo Sec. Gen Iwai ignored plea of JCP speaker for jointly-sponsored "anti-imperialist" programs but renewed proposal made at press conference earlier in week that Sohyo stage nationwide political strikes if U.S. bombs Hanoi. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JCP and rest of extreme left wing can be expected to argue that Sohyo's poor turnout shows organizational cooperation with JCP is essential for successful mass "peace" demonstrations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 7. Okinawan Consultative Committee

Ceremony at FonOff April 2 marked agreement to broaden functions of Japan-U.S. Consultative Committee on Ryukyus. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Committee, established one year ago to take up Okinawan economic assistance exclusively, may now act on "other matters on which Japan and U.S. can cooperate in continuing to promote well-being of inhabitants of islands." This definition of Committee's functions was patterned on Johnson-Sato communique last January 12. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 8. Hitachi Ship Sale to Communist China

Following meeting March 30 of four Cabinet ministers concerned with trade and commerce, GOJ announced decision that Hitachi contract for sale of \$3.6 million freighter to Communist China should be implemented immediately and that questions of "domestic financing" for ship sale be considered. By avoiding question of Ex-Im Bank financing, GOJ in effect rejected Chicoms demand that use of Ex-Im Bank funds be authorized prior to March 31, but on other hand did not rule out possibility of Ex-Im Bank financing in future.

Chicoms reacted to announcement with threat to cancel contract, according to reports from Japanese reporters in Peiping, but took no final action. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Obvious concern of interested private circles in Chicoms reaction is not so much whether Hitachi contract will be cancelled, but whether Chicoms will take measures to restrict Japan-Chicom trade in general. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

### PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### 9. Public Opinion Favors ROK-Japan Normalization

Jiji Press Public Opinion Poll shows continuing high level of approval for ROK-Japan negotiations and low level of opposition. 46% favor "promoting positively" talks with ROK and only 7% opposed. Of remaining 47%, who had

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no opinion, about half did not know talks taking place. (UNCLASSIFIED)

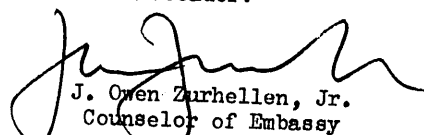
Comment: Percentages given above are within two percentage points of same poll conducted October 1964 and January 1965. This illustrates failure of leftist campaign to arouse public sentiment against normalization. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY10. JMSDF Commissions New Submarine

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force placed 1600-ton submarine "Oshio" in service at commissioning ceremonies March 31. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JMSDF now has seven submarines in commission. "Oshio," largest submarine built in Japan since WWII, will be assigned to Kure Regional District for operations and further crew training. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL1. Cabinet Reshuffle

Knowledgeable LDP Diet member told Embassy April 8 that Cabinet reshuffle which press and political circles have generally been predicting for May, between end of Diet Session and House of Councillors elections, would be put off until after elections. Press has reported briefly on contacts of SATO emissaries with other LDP factions on Cabinet issue, but no suggestion to date that Sato has in fact made any firm decisions. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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Comment: Recent speculation has centered on concept of "big wheel" Cabinet retaining Ichiro KONO and Takeo MIKI (either as LDP SecGen or as Minister in Economic area) and bringing in Akihiro FUJIYAMA, Mitsujiro ISHII, and prominent IKEDA faction personage. Rationale given as strengthening LDP unity for Upper House elections. Decision to postpone reshuffle, if confirmed, might mean that preliminary soundings led Sato to believe that reshuffle could not satisfy all factions and consequently party unity through election period could be better maintained on basis expectations than on basis hard realities. On other hand it could merely mean that Sato too preoccupied with foreign affairs to give adequate attention to major personnel questions. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. GOJ and ROK Initial Outline Agreements

Japanese and Korean delegates April 3 initialed outline of agreed points on following issues under negotiation: (1) fisheries; (2) financial claims and economic cooperation; and (3) legal status of Korean residents in Japan. FonMin YI had been scheduled return Korea March 27 (WEEKA 12, Item 5), but stayed on when negotiations on above subjects did not proceed as smoothly as had been expected. Principal cause of delay was disagreement over treatment of Koreans in Japan. Political reaction has followed usual lines, with LDP spokesmen praising success of negotiations and JSP voicing determination to use all possible means prevent signing and ratification of agreements. Press generally praised agreements but commented that they obtained at cost Japanese concessions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Initialing of agreed points was big step forward. Next task is drafting of treaties. Because number minor points in all treaties remain unsettled, drafting process likely require some time. Koreans want treaties ready for signature by mid-May, before President PAK goes to Washington, but GOJ drafters believe that because of number minor, unsettled problems, as well as technical difficulties, it will be difficult meet that deadline. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. Legislative Merry-Go-Round

Upper House Committee deliberations on pending legislation stalled for most of week as result JSP ire over LDP unilateral action in Agriculture-Forestry-Fisheries Committee in approving pending bill April 3. Councillors finally got back to business April 8 after Committee Chairman at insistence LDP leadership gave apologetic "explanation" and bill reconsidered. Although Sato April 5 told Domei representatives GOJ would continue press ILO-87 ratification and associated legislation at this Diet session, Sohyo continued to interpose barrier to substantive progress on ILO legislation (WEEKA 13, Item 2) by taking tough attitude on top-level talks with GOJ, despite further negotiations with LabMin ISHIDA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Sato still maintaining relatively "low posture" toward opposition's obstructive tactics, while most of political attention is concentrated on foreign affairs. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 4. Increasing Attention to Bandung Anniversary Celebrations

As April 13 departure of 14-man Japanese delegation to Bandung 10th anniversary celebration approaches (WEEKA 13, Item 4), GOJ giving increased attention to preparation for meeting. JSP has designated Diet member Seiichi KATSUMATA as its representative; DSP designated Diet member Ryosaku SASAKI. FonOff held series of meetings with chief delegate Shojiro KAWASHIMA (LDP Vice President) and other delegation members in effort to decide on substance of official conference speeches and to make plans for side talks and post-conference trips. Press, largely on basis Sato statements to DSP leaders April 7, reported that Kawashima would seek opportunity for talks with Chicom delegation and that PriMin Sato was considering instructing him to propose subsequent ambassadorial-level meeting with Chicoms. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ expects meeting itself will be festive occasion, reasonably free of political controversy, but is prepared to join forces with such delegations as Indian, Philippine and Thai to avoid being trapped into supporting anti Western propaganda efforts. Japanese seem interested primarily in possible opportunity for talks with Chicom delegation (in view recent troubles in economic relations with Peiping) and in exploring prospects of mediating/Indonesia-Malaysia dispute. Press accounts, probably on basis wishful thinking, made Sato sound more positive on Chicom contacts than did info from LDP sources. Kawashima has accepted Malaysia's invitation for visit after Bandung. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 5. Chicoms Cancel Hitachi Contract

Press April 6<sup>day</sup> reported that according message received Tokyo "TAKASAKI office" that Chicoms unilaterally cancelled Hitachi freighter contract as result GOJ refusal authorize Ex-Im Bank financing (WEEKA 13, Item 8). Chicoms reportedly took position contract became null and void on March 31 because GOJ acting as though bound by "Yoshida letter," tantamount to permitting GRC to interfere in Japanese domestic affairs. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Though Chicoms may be expected continue efforts bring about GOJ disavowal of Yoshida letter, appears unlikely that GOJ will reverse itself on this issue. Tokyo reports of April 5 had indicated Sato was favorably disposed toward efforts provide alternative financing on terms virtually identical to Ex-Im Bank. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO6. Okinawa-Bonins Reversion Resolution Adopted by Diet

On April 6 the Lower House of Diet approved separate resolutions urging GOJ to (1) take appropriate measures for return to Japan of Administrative rights over Okinawa and Bonin Islands; and (2) increase its efforts to secure return of Habomai and Shikotan Islands from USSR in conjunction with Peace Treaty discussions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embassy sees little political significance in timing of resolution. Similarity between April 6 Okinawa resolution and previous one passed on March 9, 1962 indicates no significant GOJ policy change. Political realities in Japan make support of "reversion" resolutions a necessity for all political parties. (CONFIDENTIAL)

7. Special Envoy Returns from Southeast Asia

Shunichi MATSUMOTO, Japanese wartime Ambassador to Indochina, returned April 1 from two-week tour of South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. In subsequent press conferences and special articles carried by Asahi he said U.S. concentrating on military measures which he thought would not be effective and urged GOJ increase economic assistance to South Vietnam and rest of SEA. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While Matsumoto's evaluation U.S. efforts critical, his proposals for economic support of GVN were helpful. Fonoff sources non-committal as to degree his proposals would influence ministries and Diet to provide such assistance. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Opinion on Vietnam

Stories concerning Vietnam occupied prominent position in all papers during past week, culminating in banner headlines and text President's April 7 speech. Chief Cabinet Secretary HASHIMOTO welcomed speech and said GOJ would cooperate positively with Johnson's proposal for economic assistance to SEA. Press approved speech while suggesting U.S. at last had come to recognize military efforts alone could not prevent communism from spreading in SEA. JSP argued opposition abroad and in U.S. had forced USC change approach and said it would increase tempo of peace movements in Japan.

JSP delegation led by SecGen NARITA called at Emb April 9 complete with red chest-bands to deliver virulent Vietnam protest which ignored President's statement and rehashed "poson gas" and other Commie-line propaganda charges. They denied indignantly, however, that content their document might be taken as indicating JSP following anti-U.S. line. Sohyo had announced earlier in week that it would sponsor rallies with target attendance 100,000-150,000 in Tokyo April 20 and 26. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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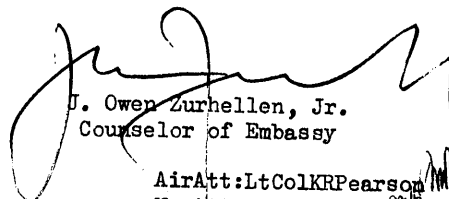
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Comment: While general comment thus far has been that President's statement overdue, speech has done great deal in Japan to clarify U.S. objectives and elicit understanding for U.S. policies. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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POLITICAL

1. LDP Forces ILO Bills Through Committee

Lower House Special ILO Committee was thrown into an uproar for the second consecutive day April 15 when LDP majority countered JSP obstructionist tactics with blitzkrieg passage of GOJ ILO legislative package. JSP had blocked convening of Committee session

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evening April 14 by using physical force to prevent chairman from taking seat. After full day of stalemate, LDP suddenly called Committee into session evening April 15 and amid confusion and scuffling declared ILO bills approved by acclamation. JSP and DSP spokesmen promptly issued statements charging that LDP action was illegal and that sudden vote on bills without adequate discussion was invalid. LDP SecGen Takeo MIKI counter-charged that JSP had deliberately resorted to delaying tactics, and claimed that seven-year old ILO issue had already been thoroughly and adequately debated. JSP and DSP threatened to boycott all Diet proceedings. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: No sign of change in GOJ announced determination to complete Lower House passage of ILO legislation by April 19. This will permit automatic Diet approval of <sup>ratification</sup> bill after 30 days, even if Upper House fails to act. SATO Government is publicly committed to getting ILO legislation passed this Diet session. On other hand, JSP under strong pressure from Sohyo not to permit passage, if Nikkyoso right to negotiate with EdMin and other rights demanded by unions not conceded. GOJ apparently determined to override opposition this time in order to get legislation passed. Sato Government's "high posture" in ILO issue expected to stimulate further Socialist obstructionism in Diet, and help build up emotional content of JSP/Sohyo spring struggle activities. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Japan's Attendance at Bandung Anniversary Meeting

Japan's 13-man delegation to 10th anniversary celebration of Bandung Conference left Tokyo April 13 for Indonesia (WEEKA 14, Item 4). (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Although FonOff and delegation members generally have professed intention to oppose radical sentiments at Bandung, and to stand up to any ChiCom aggressiveness, appears likely Japan's delegation will seek to avoid taking exposed position on important issues. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 3. Work Begins on ROK-Japan Treaty Drafting

Chief delegates to normalization talks Amb KIM and Shinkichi TAKASUGI met April 13 and decided that drafting committees should start by weekend to consider FonOff treaty drafts. Working-level FonOff officials have expressed pessimism over possibility of completing drafts by mid-May as Korean side wishes, but higher authorities have appeared a little more hopeful. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None.

## 4. Socialists Distort Ambassador's Views on Okinawa

Tokyo Shimbun April 11 carried story, citing JSP Propaganda Chief Shichiro MATSUMOTO as charging that Ambassador Reischauer, in April 9 meeting with JSP leaders, said that Okinawa was not Japanese territory. Embassy immediately countered with public statement reiterating U.S. policy recognizing Japan's residual sovereignty over Okinawa.

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JSP persisted in repeating story, Embassy issued direct refutation of all 13 of JSP allegations. JSP Central Executive Committee on April 15 decided to drop issue, although JSP will write letter of inquiry to President Johnson and U.N. SecGen U Thant for official views on legality of U.S. presence on Okinawa. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Incident appeared designed principally to generate interest in JSP efforts to challenge legality of U.S. administrative rights in Okinawa on basis of alleged conflict between continued application of Article 3 of Peace Treaty and Article 78 of U.N. Charter. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 5. JSP/Sohyo Planning Major Rally April 26

JSP/Sohyo planning to hold major rally April 26 protesting U.S. military actions in Vietnam and demanding U.S. withdrawal. Sohyo is calling for 100,000 participants from trade union and JSP student groups. Processions to be led by JSP Diet members, who reportedly plan to make direct protest at Embassy. Sohyo has already put out word to local unions levying quotas and calling for preliminary workshop rallies for "mood building." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Embassy informed by police that demonstration not likely to top 20,000 and that it will receive usual police treatment, i.e., paraders will not be permitted to come to Embassy gate. However, should individual Dietmen desire to leave parade route to deliver protest, police will probably permit them to do so. Embassy planning to see limited number of JSP Diet members, in event request for appointment received from JSP headquarters. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 6. Akahata Attacks March Moscow Meeting

JCP's April 13 Akahata published a front-page article condemning Soviets for unilaterally holding the March 1 international CP conference. Akahata ridiculed CPSU for being forced to change purpose of conference from "drafting" to "consultative," and described this as dealing heavy blow to pro-Soviet, anti-JCP elements--SHIGA, SUZUKI, KAMIYAMA, et. al. Akahata described meeting as divisive and demanded that CPSU halt its "subversive" activities against JCP, specifically support of "revisionist elements" in Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This is first JCP direct attack on March conference and follows similar attacks by ChiComs. Although not as strong in tone as ChiCom tirades, it is further indication of JCP's firm alignment with ChiCom policy. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 7. Spring Struggle: Steel Workers Reject Wage Offer

"Big Five" steel companies April 12 offered Steelworkers Federation (Tekko Roren) monthly increase of ¥2,500 (\$6.94) of which ¥1,000 (\$2.76)

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annual increase. Tekko which had asked for ¥5,000 (\$13.89), turned down offer and went ahead with planned 24-hour strike on April 13, in which 110,000 employees closed down both big and small firms. Similar strike planned for April 24. Synthetic Chemical Workers (Goka Roren) will be nucleus of April 20 demonstration marking "third wave" of spring struggle, which will include Vietnam, ROK-Japan and ILO issues as well as Sohyo's economic demands. Plans call for 60,000 to march to Diet in Tokyo and for strikes and rallies in major cities. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Offer is ¥700 (\$1.94) less than last year's settlement which set standard for negotiations in other industries, and reflects organized management's (Nichiren) strategy of setting "recession mood" for other wage negotiations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. Seamen's Union Boycotts Shipments of Munitions to South Vietnam

Seamen's Union (Kaiin) Executive Board decided April 10 that its members would not man ships, including vessels on charter, carrying munitions to South Vietnam. Move follows earlier ban by Kaiin on all shipping to North Vietnam. Union attributed ban to increased danger in affected waters. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: None.

9. Visit by British Parliamentary Undersecretary

Lord WALSTON, British Parliamentary Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, arrived Tokyo April 10 for six-day unofficial visit. Itinerary includes meeting with FonMin SHIINA and visit to Kyoto and Osaka. He plans visit Seoul next. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: U.K. Embassy confirmed to us that visit is unofficial and primary purpose is orientation of Lord Walston. (UNCLASSIFIED)

10. Visit of Former French Prime Minister Faure

Former French PriMin Edgar FAURE arrived in Tokyo on April 12 to begin a 13-day "unofficial" visit sponsored by the Mainichi newspaper's Asian Affairs Research Council. In speech April 14 Faure asserted Viet Cong are non-Communist nationalists, U.S. policy in Vietnam will fail, and essential role of Chicoms in solving Asian problems must be recognized.

Faure plans stay in Japan until April 24. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None.

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from TOKYOPSYCHOLOGICAL11. Opinion on Vietnam Remains Critical of U.S.

Initial favorable media response to President's Baltimore speech soon overtaken by criticisms U.S. militant posture, principal themes being (1) U.S. should have refrained from bombing north in order to provide DRV with time to study and respond to President's proposals and (2) Viet Cong should be party to any negotiations. FAURE's speech (see Item No. 10) has lent support to these views. However, press also criticized Peiping and Hanoi for rejecting opportunities to negotiate and for refusing to see U THANT and Gordon WALKER. Nihon Keizai (relatively small circulation but with influential readers) published exceptional story from Saigon correspondent who reported that, contrary to what most Japanese think, South Vietnamese support bombing of north, cooperate with Viet Cong only out of fear and have gained new confidence as result U.S. air strikes and ground reinforcements. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Despite bright spots such as Nihon Keizai article and criticism (somewhat muted) of Communist intransigence, press still predominantly critical U.S. methods. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY12. No Nuclear Powered Ships for JMSDF

In testimony before Lower House Special Committee on Science and Technology on April 13, Science & Technology Agency DirGen AICHI and JDA DirGen KOIZUMI stated unified GOJ view that no nuclear powered JMSDF vessel would be constructed as long as Japan's Atomic Energy Law remains in force. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Aichi and Koizumi testimony was in response to JSP interpellation probably based on Chairman Joint Staff Council Admiral SUGIE's December 11 remarks concerning hopes for a Japanese SSN (WEEKA No. 51, Item 10). Announced GOJ policy should prevent JSP from forcing full Diet interpellation on matter, but it disappointing that stated policy does not distinguish between nuclear weapons and nuclear propulsion for defense use. (CONFIDENTIAL)

13. MSTS Meets Recruiting Quota

U.S. MSTS conducted two-day campaign April 12-13 to recruit Japanese seamen for service aboard LSTs operating in Far East. MSTS did not make public number of applicants, but Japanese press reported over 1,000 persons applied for onboard service. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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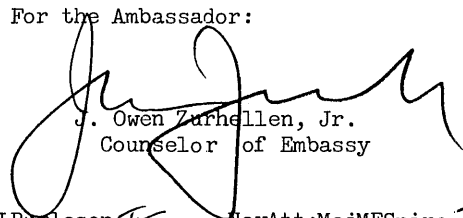


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Comment: MSTs recruiting success indicates that even Japanese willing to serve in "hazardous duty zones" if pay is right. Appearance of uniformed JMSDF personnel in application lines points out inherent weakness in MSDF service-retention capability--there is no legal way to hold service personnel when such relatively high paid alternative opportunities arise. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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## POLITICAL

1. ILO Bills Approved by Lower House

Five day Diet impasse following LDP action in Lower House Special ILO Committee (WEEKA 15, Item 1) was broken April 20 when LDP, JSP and DSP reached agreement to approve ILO package on basis compromise plan submitted by Lower House Speaker Naka FUNADA. Funada plan in essence called for Lower House passage of GOJ-sponsored ILO package with proviso that four bills for revision of domestic labor laws would be reexamined by the Public Service System Deliberation Council and would not be put into effect until after the Council

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makes its final recommendations concerning controversial issues contained therein. Effect of this compromise was to separate ratification issue from domestic laws revision issue.

Lower House met April 21 and passed five bills. Ratification bill received unanimous vote but four revision bills opposed by four JCP representatives and independent Communist Yoshio SHIGA. Bills referred to Upper House where passage expected after routine debate before end of current Diet session May 19. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: (See Embtel 3399) Compromise solution amounts to postponing hard part of package in order to achieve ratification of Convention 87. However, opposition has lost leverage over domestic legislation which derived from international and public pressure on GOJ to ratify ILO treaty.

On balance SATO Government, and LDP appear to have come out well in whole affair. GOJ showed its determination to fulfill its pledge to settle ILO issue this session. LDP receives credit for statesmanlike solution of problem through compromise rather than force, while Sato gets credit for finally achieving successful solution of problem that had stymied two previous administrations over seven-year period. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Rumors Link LDP Leaders with Fraud Scandal

JSP in meetings Lower House Finance and Judiciary Committees April 21 and 22 questioned GOJ concerning charges of extensive fraud involving some 3 billion yen (\$8.3 million) being brought against Hironobu FUKIHARA, President, Fukihara Sangyo Company, and referred to "dark rumors" which tied Fukihara's alleged swindling operations to leading LDP politicians and to last year's LDP presidential election. Names of Aiichiro FUJIYAMA, former Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasumi KUROGANE, and former FonMin Masayoshi OHIRA were mentioned in JSP charges. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: JSP charges so far based largely on rumor and innuendo. Unless more concrete evidence to support charges is produced, JSP attempt to discredit LDP by alleging its involvement with Fukihara case unlikely to hurt LDP seriously. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. Speaker of Tokyo Assembly Resigns

Press reports that Sadao KOYAMA (LDP), speaker of Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly, submitted resignation on April 20 at request of general meeting of LDP Assembly members. Koyama was arrested on April 16 on charges of bribery in connection with vote buying prior to March 9 speaker's election. In addition to Koyama, eight other LDP Assembly members also arrested on similar bribery charges. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: While public disclosure of scandal in metropolitan assembly may jar people's confidence, assembly scandals will probably not have serious repercussions on a national scale. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Drafting of ROK-Japan Treaties Proceeding Slowly (WEEKA 15, Item 3).

Chief negotiators TAKASUGI and KIM met April 21 and indicated desire complete drafting by weekend. However, working level officers on both sides have informed us that completion of work even by mid-May very much in doubt and official holidays on April 29, May 3 and 5 (Golden Week) will reduce time available. AgMin AKAGI told Diet Upper House April 22 that GOJ hopes sign treaties end of May. Among problems are Korean desire spell out in detail methods and procedures for transfer of funds under claims agreement as against Japanese wish to work details out later; responsibilities of Joint Fisheries Commission; and difficulties in agreeing on wording of English text. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Appears unlikely drafting will be finished by mid-May; end of May possible, but June seems more likely. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. Japanese Delegation at Bandung Anniversary Conference

Press reported 14-man Japanese delegation's attendance at anniversary meeting (WEEKA 15, Item 2) but concentrated on delegation head Shojiro KAWASHIMA's side-talks with SUKARNO and with ChiCom PriMin CHOU En-lai. Photo showing smiling Chou and Kawashima, with Sukarno in middle holding their arms, was front-paged in Japanese papers April 20. Full news coverage of Kawashima continued when he went to Kuala Lumpur April 20 for talks with Malaysian PriMin, and then to Bangkok April 22. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Present indications are that Kawashima's visit to Southeast Asia will be regarded in Japan as successful. Although GOJ asserted prior to conference that Kawashima would not take initiative to meet with Chou, it appears that Japanese hoped for high-level contact with ChiCom delegation. According to FonOff, Kawashima's talk with Chou covered only generalities and confined to bilateral matters without solving any outstanding issues. Regardless of this, Kawashima's meeting with Chou constituted highest level Japan-ChiCom contact since first Bandung meeting and made favorable impression on Japanese generally.

Increased hopes for Sukarno-Tunku meeting in Tokyo, as result Kawashima efforts to mediate dispute, also receiving favorable coverage in Japan.

6. GRC Accepts Japanese Loans

FonOff announced April 22 that GRC had officially accepted GOJ loans of \$150 million over 5-year period. Portion earmarked for dam construction

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repayable in 20 years at 3.5%; balance 12-15 years at 5.75%. These loans financed by government's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (for dam) and Ex-Im Bank.

Comment: Conclusion loan agreement on these terms will make it even more unlikely that Peiping will proceed with Nichibo Vinylon plant purchase for which GOJ has refused specify Ex-Im Bank credits. Peiping has insisted Ex-Im funds be used and seems likely will renounce contract before last week of April when it due to take effect. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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7. Japanese Criticism of U.S. Policy in Vietnam Continues (Weeks 15, Item 11)

Campaign to discredit U.S. policy in Vietnam featured appeal to PriMin Sato April 20 by 93 prominent intellectuals asking him to take positive action to end war in Vietnam by bringing pressure on Washington and refusing to permit U.S. bases in Japan to be used to escalate war. Sato replied GOJ and other countries searching for peaceful settlement. He suggested to Edgar FAURE that France persuade Peiping halt Communist infiltration and that U.S. bombings of North Vietnam necessary for self-defense. He hoped, however, U.S. would not continue them "endlessly" and said that key to stability in SEA is improvement of peoples' livelihood. Sato said he had told President Johnson this last January and therefore GOJ welcomes Johnson's one billion dollar aid offer administered through U.N.

Press generally interpreted April 18 USSR-DRV Communique as indicating possibility of negotiations exists, though acknowledging that firmness of both sides increases possibility of escalation. Communist rejection of 17-nation appeal reported, but no editorial comment as yet. Press failed to report Thai Government's statement, following ForMin Thanat Khoman's withdrawal from Bandung Anniversary Conference, condemning Communist attempts overthrow GVN. However, Yomiuri, which has been leading criticism of U.S., in a change of pace April 22, suggested Peiping accept U.N. efforts achieve peace in area. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Slanted reporting and criticism by public media continues, but reports from consulates and local contacts indicate Vietnam not yet a burning issue with public. Leftists will continue attempts to exploit issue with demonstrations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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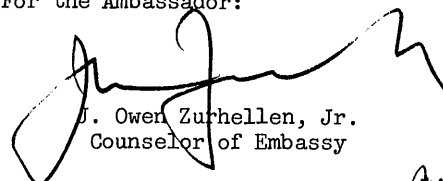


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POLITICAL

1. Tokyo Assembly Decides to Resign en Masse

As result widespread public outcry against corruption touched off by arrest of Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly Speaker Sadao KOYAMA (WEEKA 16, Item 3), and eight other Assemblymen on charges of bribery in connection Koyama's recent election as Speaker, LDP, JSP, and Komeito Assemblymen decided on April 28 on dissolution of Assembly by en masse resignation. Formal action expected at extraordinary Assembly Session on May 7 or 8 leading to new elections within 50 days. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: LDP decision appears to be effort to show "sincerity" aimed at dampening press and public outcry against LDP scandals prior to Upper House election, which if unabated might have serious adverse effect on LDP chances. Decision for mass resignations appears to be effort have some, at least, of LDP members on side of opposition to corruption and avoid public image of party responsibility for scandals. (See Embtel 3505). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

2. JSP/Sohyo Demonstration Fails to Gain Expected Support  
(WEEKA 15, Item 5)

JSP/Sohyo/Churitsu Roren-sponsored April 26 demonstration against U.S. actions in Vietnam was more forceful than demonstrations of similar nature directed against Embassy in last two or three years, but did not receive degree of support from rank and file anticipated by organizers. Police report total turnout of 24,000 at afternoon and evening demonstrations, including about 1300 anti-JCP leftist students--Shaseido and certain Zengakuren factions. Turnout in contrast with organizers' original call for 100,000 later scaled down to 80,000, should leave leadership less than satisfied. 5200 riot police mobilized to control demonstration performed most effectively.

Demonstration parade, led by JSP Dietmen, halted in front of Embassy Annex where students, Dietmen, some unionists staged 45 minute sitdown while delegation of five JSP Dietmen came to Embassy by appointment to deliver protest note. After delivery of protest, demonstration moved on, except for students who were forcibly prodded by police. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: (See Embtel 3471) While this purely political demonstration was first such effort of any size aimed at Embassy in recent years, it does not appear to represent new departure in JSP-Sohyo tactics. Rather appears effort cash in on fairly broad emotion concerning Vietnam issue to: 1) add punch to otherwise colorless and unsuccessful Sohyo spring struggle and 2) outdo JCP, which able of late to mobilize bigger demonstrations than JSP-Sohyo. Of interest that unionists appeared willing to separate selves from students at end of afternoon sitdown phase. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. JSP to Choose KAWAKAMI Successor

JSP Central Executive Committee April 28 reexamined question of choosing successor to Chairman KAWAKAMI, still in hospital recovering from stroke, and decided that one or other of two Vice Chairmen, SASAKI and WADA, would be named Acting Chairman and that if this solution not successful new Chairman would be elected at May 6 extraordinary convention. Action taken in response to mounting dissatisfaction within party with "collective leadership" solution adopted in March (WEEKA 11, Item 2) following Kawakami's tender of resignation (WEEKA 10, Item 1). Choice of single leader, however, complicated by refusal Sasaki to accept Acting Chairmanship or to agree to Wada candidacy. Sasaki faction presently advocating election of SecGen NARITA as new Party Chairman, but Narita refusing to consider. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Deadlocked situation reflects increasingly bitter confrontation between dominant left-wing forces led by Sasaki and relatively moderate Wada faction which seeking to counterbalance aggressive militancy of Sasaki faction. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 4. GOJ Supports U.S. on Vietnam

FonMin SHIINA responding to question April 27 in Diet Upper House said U.S. bombing of North Vietnam "quite natural" and believed U.S. actions would be justified when reasons for continuation of Vietnamese war examined closely. PriMin SATO in meeting with former British Foreign Secretary Gordon Walker April 28 (See ITEM 5) stated according to briefing given press, present U.S. policy in Vietnam justified although he hoped war would not be expanded. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ statements not supported by press which remains critical U.S. policies. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 5. Visit of Former British Foreign Secretary

Patrick Gordon Walker, touring Far East as special envoy of U.K. PriMin, visited Tokyo April 27-30 and exchanged views with Japanese PriMin and FonMin principally on Vietnam and Indonesia-Malaysia problem. Walker told Japanese leaders that U.S. policy in Vietnam is justified and that regime there is widely supported and should be assisted. Concerning Indonesia-Malaysia, he took wait-and-see attitude towards prospect of mediation which PriMin and FonMin discussed in detail. On Cambodian conference he was hopeful of constructive results. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Coming from non-American of his stature, Gordon Walker's views served as helpful counterbalance to generally unfavorable attitude of Japanese press toward U.S. effort in Vietnam.

#### 6. Ambassador Lodge Visits Tokyo

Henry Cabot Lodge, on quick visit to Far East as special representative of President, stopped in Tokyo April 24-25. In addition to two hour talk with PriMin Sato, Lodge met with Buddhist leaders. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Lodge's presence in Tokyo, which coincided with visit to Japan by high-level Department policy team, served to focus Japanese attention more sharply than ever on Vietnam. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 7. Railway Workers Call Off Strike

Agreement in early hours of April 30 settle wage disputes with major private railway companies and moved public workers' wage disputes from mediation

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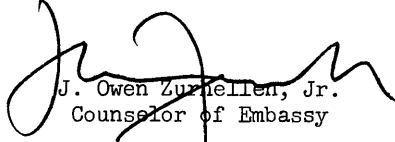
proceedings of Public Workers Labor Relations Board (Koroi) into arbitration. As result, Public Workers Federation (Korokyo) called off its half-day strike. All Korokyo unions except National Railway Workers (Kokuro) returned to work. Kokuro continued talks with National Railway representatives and reached agreement shortly after 5:00 a.m. Delay inconvenienced about one million commuters as partial strike delayed service. Private Railway Workers (Shitetsu Soren) called off its 24 hour strike which by coinciding with Kokuro strike would have repeated and exceeded effect of similar strike on April 28 which inconvenienced 23 million commuters. April 28 strike caused widespread critical public reaction. Korokyo unions enter arbitration proceedings with offer 6.5% increase from government agencies; Shitetsu Soren got ¥3,000 (\$8.33) plus wage adjustments which should bring total to over 11% as opposed to 12.9% increase last year and offer of 6.3% increase by steel companies this year. (UNCLASSIFIED)





Comment: Sohyo strategy is to use Shitetsu settlement as standard for 1965 settlements in both public and private sectors, countering "pace-setter" effect of low offer made to steelworkers earlier this month. Shitetsu settlement based on management's ability to pay and desire to use pay raise as excuse for fare increase. Public service unions participated behind the scenes in paving way to arbitration as way to avoid strike which would have caused sharp public reaction. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)




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FROM : Amembassy TOKYO

SUBJECT : JOINT WEEKA NO. 18

REF :

DATE: May 7, 1965

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POLITICAL1. SASAKI Elected New JSP Chairman

Deadlock over choice of successor to ailing JSP Chairman KAWAKAMI (WEEK 17, Item 3) broken May 5 when Vice Chairman SASAKI agreed to accept chairmanship provided there was no contest for post. JSP extraordinary convention May 6 formally accepted Kawakami resignation and unanimously elected Sasaki as new party Chairman. Mitsu KONO, JSP Finance Committee Director, was elected Vice Chairman to fill post vacated by Sasaki. Yoshio DOMORI was chosen to succeed Kono as Finance Committee Director.

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Sasaki in acceptance speech delivered fiery attack on U.S. policy in Vietnam and Dominican Republic, declaring that "American imperialism" was not only common enemy of Japan and Communist China, as stated by former JSP Chairman ASANUMA, but also "enemy of all mankind."

Convention also adopted a resolution expressing gratitude to former Chairman Kawakami and proposals for tightening party organization and launching campaign against "U.S. aggression" in Vietnam and Dominican Republic and opposing Japan-Korea talks. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sasaki election consolidated already dominant position of left wing forces in JSP established by Sasaki faction victory in party elections December 1964. As exemplified by Sasaki acceptance speech JSP posture appears likely become more vocally hostile to U.S. policies and more militantly aggressive towards Sato government. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. 36th May Day Celebrations

Record numbers turned out for May Day speeches, celebrations, and parades throughout Japan. Police estimated 1,989,000 participated in rallies at 974 places as opposed to 1,600,000 at 823 places in 1964. In Tokyo the number jumped to 270,000 from 194,000 last year. All major labor federations sponsored Tokyo gathering in former Olympic Village. Official resolutions emphasized better working conditions, higher living standards, establishment of workers' rights and "protection of peace."

Speakers included Sohyo President OTA, Socialist Party SecGen NARITA and JCP Chairman NOSAKA. All vigorously condemned U.S. "aggression in Vietnam" and Nosaka called for united left wing "economic and political struggles." DSP SecGen NISHIMURA said time has come to study ways to "ensure Japan's peace and prosperity as well as world peace."

Singing marchers, including many families and accompanied by bands, gave five separate afternoon parades festive air. Many placards, chants and floats, however, were anti-American and played on themes of intervention in Vietnam and "Yankee Go Home." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Resolutions at main Tokyo rally kept vague to insure participation of conservative Domei. Demonstrations, festive and orderly, played up to popular fear of involvement in Vietnam war and disapproval of U.S. policy. JSP, Sohyo and JCP used large turnout to promote political goals. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. Call for Aid to North Vietnam

Sohyo SecGen IWAI according press told Nikkkyoso (Teachers Union) Convention May 6 that Sohyo planning send "encouragement mission" to North

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Vietnam to "encourage" struggle against South Vietnam and U.S. Iwai also said Sohyo planning send relief, including medical supplies, to Hanoi.  
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Comment: Although JSP-Sohyo has long opposed U.S. policy in Vietnam, this is first concrete proposal to give material aid to North Vietnam. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 4. Malaysian Prime Minister Visits Japan

Primin Tunku Abdul RAHMAN arrived Tokyo May 1 to attend conference of Asian Football Federation, of which he is president. From May 6 to departure May 10 he is official guest of government. He was met at airport by FonMin SHIINA and has had discussions with Shiina, PriMin Sato and is scheduled to see former PriMin YOSHIDA. He spoke to Foreign Correspondents Club May 3 and gave half hour television interview on country-wide NHK network May 4. He expressed disappointment, but not surprise, that SUKARNO decided not to come to Tokyo, strongly supported South Vietnam in its fight against Communists, urged all freedom-loving peoples help South Vietnam, and urged Japan take initiative in establishing peace and unity in Asia.  
(UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Sukarno's refusal to meet Tunku probably has led to further Japanese disillusionment with Sukarno. Tunku's forthright statements given moderate to good coverage in Japanese press and have been helpful in showing Japanese that there is some Asian support for U.S. policies in Vietnam.  
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#### 5. Chicoms Cancel Plant Purchase

According press Chicoms cancelled contract for sale of Nichibo Vinylon plant April 30. Liao Cheng-chih reported as saying in Peiping that contract cancelled because FonMin Shiina had reiterated April 26 that Exim Bank would not be used for financing. Liao also said that Kawashima talks with Chou in Djakarta were effort to improve image of LDP within Japan rather than serious attempt improve relations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: FonOff confirmed reports but said not yet informed by Liao-Takasaki office. Plant sales to Chicoms appear excluded for future (at least temporarily). Business community will undoubtedly maintain pressure on GOJ to use Exim Bank for financing plant sales for which they had hoped get major orders in connection with Chicoms 1966-70 Five Year Plan. Other transactions with Chicoms, which have been basis of past trade expansion, will remain unaffected. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 6. ROK-Japan Negotiations

ROK Ambassador KIM Dong Jo returned to Seoul May 5 for consultations

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erning difficulties in drafting of normalization treaties with Japan (EKA 16, Item 4). Among problems are privileges to be accorded Korean residents and terminology to be used to describe freedom of seas and control of fishing boats by flag country. Drafting proceeding steadily, but Fonoff has told us drafting behind schedule and signature unlikely before June. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: None

MILITARY7. Jet Crash Stirs Up Opposition

Crash of USAF F-105 jet fighter into American dependent housing area near Camp Zama May 6, resulting in death of two American children, has provided new ammunition for Japanese circles demanding removal of U.S. air bases in Kanagawa Prefecture. (UNCLASSIFIED)

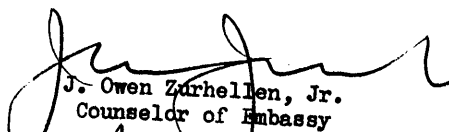
Comment: Crash has again revived "base removal" issue which comes up every time there is crash of a military aircraft in congested area. Since little Japanese property involved and no known serious injury suffered by Japanese nationals, it may be anticipated active campaign this instance will be of short duration. On other hand, base critics say this is 100th U.S. military aircraft accident in Kanagawa since peace treaty signed 1952. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

8. JASDF Chief of Staff Returns

General Shigeru URA, Chief of Japan Air Self Defense Force, returned last week from tour of U.S. and Western Europe. U.S. portion of trip was at invitation of Chief of Staff, USAF, and included visits to various defense installations and briefings at major USAF command headquarters, Cape Kennedy, and the Pentagon. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Preliminary indications are that trip was highly successful. Entirely possible knowledge and impressions gained by General URA on trip may be reflected in JASDF's Third Buildup Plan to be announced shortly. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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FROM : Amembassy TOKYO

DATE: May 14, 1965

SUBJECT: JOINT WEEKA NO. 19

REF :

1. Cabinet Reshuffle, Diet Extension, Election Date Still Awaiting Decision
2. LDP-Socialists Clash on Farmland Compensation Bill
3. En Masse Resignation of Tokyo Assembly Stymied
4. Malaysian PriMin Leaves; Subandrio to Come.
5. ROK-Japan Negotiations Slow Down
6. Chicoms Confirm Cancellation Plant Contract
7. Public Opinion Indicators on Vietnam

POLITICAL

1. Cabinet Reshuffle, Diet Extension, Election Date Still Awaiting Decision

LDP-Socialist confrontation over Farmland Compensation Bill (Item 2) introduced new uncertainty whether current Diet Session would be extended, which in turn would affect dates of expected Cabinet reshuffle and House of Councillors election. Early in week, while it appeared that Committee action on Farmland Compensation measure would take some time, LDP Diet members told Emb SATO had decided extend current Diet Session to end of May, in order permit more legislative accomplishment. This would have meant Cabinet

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reshuffle probably early June and Upper House election probably July 4. If LDP follows through with plenary action on heels of Committee approval of Compensation bill, sop to JSP might be agreement not extend session; JSP Chairman SASAKI announced May 12 party would fight extension. Press speculation on Cabinet and LDP reshuffle continues, focusing on whether SecGen MIKI will retain post, as he and LDP Vice President KAWASHIMA desire, or be replaced, as State Minister KONO and elements of other factions have indicated they would prefer. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Present estimates are that Miki's chance of staying on as SecGen is better than even, but despite press speculation there is no authoritative indication that Sato has yet seriously confronted complicated task of balancing factional interests concerning forthcoming personnel changes (Ref EmbTel 3650). (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. LDP-Socialists Clash on Farmland Compensation Bill

Taking advantage of brief lull in watchfulness of vociferous JSP opposition, LDP May 13 rushed controversial GOJ-sponsored Farmland Compensation bill through Lower House Cabinet Committee. Bill in question provides for compensation by state to former landowners for forced sales at nominal prices of farmland holdings in postwar agricultural land reform. Total of 150 billion yen (\$41.6 million) in payments to some 2 million former landlords is involved in proposed legislation. Protesting LDP action, JSP joined by DSP threatened to boycott all Diet proceedings including Lower House plenary session May 14 at which LDP planned to have bill approved and sent to Upper House for final passage before end of current Diet Session May 19. LDP has announced its intention to extend Diet session, if necessary, to secure passage of bill this year. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Similar blitzkrieg tactics used by LDP last month to put ILO bills through committee (WEEKA 15, Item 1) tied up Diet for 5 days until compromise settlement reached with Socialists. This time JSP while against compensation bill is also against extension of Diet session. In view of upcoming Upper House elections, JSP may not wish to push opposition to bill (which some of its constituents favor) too hard. On other hand LDP leaders such as SecGen MIKI were reportedly less than overjoyed at tactics of LDP Cabinet Committee members. Latter according press apparently moved on own initiative in this step which may cause more trouble with Socialists than LDP strategists believe issue is worth. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. En Masse Resignation of Tokyo Assembly Stymied.

Scandal-ridden Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly's move to dissolve itself by unanimous resignation and request governor set date for new elections (WEEKA 17, Item 1) is being frustrated by stubborn refusal of 6 members to resign. Special assembly session is to convene May 15 in effort to resolve issue.

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LDP, JSP, and Komeito leadership in Assembly managed to persuade all members to submit resignations with exception of 3 LDP, one independent (who states he will refuse to go along unless all LDP members resign) and 2 JCP. LDP dissenters say they not guilty of corruption and assert that innocent members should not be punished along with guilty. JCP assemblymen demand that dissolution include non-confidence vote against governor, which LDP attempting to avoid because such vote would imply governor is responsible for corruption. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Should LDP fail to persuade six holdouts to resign, they would probably be faced with opposition-sponsored non-confidence motion against Governor Azuma. If motion is successful, Governor would be compelled either to resign or to dissolve assembly and call new elections. However, as non-confidence motion requires quorum of two-thirds and three-fourths majority, its failure would be virtually certain. Failure of mass-resignation scheme would be disadvantageous to LDP; it can be expected that party would in that event make effort to lay blame for failure to effect Assembly house-cleaning on three or four LDP dissenters and JCP.

Impossible predict at this writing whether LDP efforts for mass resignation will succeed. (UNCLASSIFIED)

#### 4. Malaysian PriMin Leaves; Subandrio to Come

Malaysian PriMin Tunku Abdul RAHMAN left for home May 10 after 10-day visit (WEEKA 18, Item 4). During final press conference he said (1) he regretted SUKARNO had not come to discuss confrontation, (2) he had hopes for eventual peaceful settlement but harbored doubts this would be possible so long as Sukarno in control in Indonesia, (3) he personally would attend Algiers A-A Conference, (4) he did not approve Soviet attendance at conference, and (5) he had received assurances that U.S. would enter conflict if Malaysia's position in any real danger. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Indonesian FonMin SUBANDRIO arriving May 19. Vice FonMin ODA informed DCM that principal purpose of trip will be consultation on Algiers A-A Conference. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Subandrio presumably will try persuade Japanese not lobby for Malaysian representation at Algiers. (Japanese informed Sukarno last week they will support Malaysian attendance) and try obtain Japanese support on other items. Oda speculated Sukarno may come to Tokyo after A-A Conference. Sukarno may hope by raising this possibility to influence Japanese posture at Algiers. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 5. ROK-Japan Negotiations Slow Down

Korean Ambassador KIM, after returning from consultations in Seoul, presented Korean position on fisheries to chief Japanese delegate TAKASUGI

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May 12. Koreans described their position to Embassy as "amplifying but not inconsistent with April 3 agreed points; Japanese describe Korean position as retreat from these points. Principal points in dispute concern (1) Korean desire inspect unlicensed vessels, which Japanese fear will lead to Korean detention of Japanese ships, and (2) method of determining total catch. Other minor points also in dispute. Points in dispute now being discussed informally. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Both Japanese and Koreans have told Embassy treaty signing technically impossible in May but possible in June. However, unless compromises worked out on these and other issues, negotiations might drag on into July. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 6. Chicoms Confirm Cancellation Plant Contract

Chief Chicom trade rep SUN Ping-hua, following return from Peiping, confirmed to Nichibo president Kichihei HARA May 12 that Chicoms had cancelled contract for purchase of vinylon plant (WEEKKA 18, Item 5). Press reported Hara expressed hope contract would be revived if Ex-Im Bank financing approved in future. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Continued domestic pressure can be expected for Ex-Im Bank financing to facilitate future plant sales. However, lack of such financing for plant sales not affecting other trade with Chicoms. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE).

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#### 7. Public Opinion Indicators on Vietnam

While there has been no random-sample nationwide opinion poll to date specifically on public attitudes on Vietnam, Jiji News Service April poll on broader issues shows trends apparently reflecting impact of Vietnam war on Japanese. In response to trend question on Japan's alignment with Free World, Combloc or nonaligned nations, constant 1% favors Communist alignment; but support for Free World alignment has dropped from 49% in January to 40% in April. At same time, number favoring non-alignment rose from 22% to 32% in same period, so that gap in favor of Free World has narrowed from 27% to 8%.

Also, general popularity of America has dropped. Asked to name nations they like, respondents naming U.S. dropped to 38% from 52% high in December 1964 and 47% average for November 1964-March 1965. Shift in percentage naming America as country disliked--from constant 4% up to February 1965 to 8% in April--is just below threshold of statistical significance. (Margin of error in Jiji poll can be assumed to be plus or minus five per cent.) Nevertheless, U.S. "net popularity" ("like" less "dislike") has dropped from

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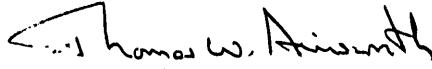
48% to 30%.

COMMENT: Jiji poll, while somewhat lacking in methodological precision by U.S. pollsters' standards, nonetheless generally has proved fairly reliable barometer of broad-brush trends. Fact that above shifts occurred as U.S. was stepping up pressure in Vietnam and that greatest drop in U.S. popularity occurred after bombing of North Vietnam began suggests direct relationship between these trends and Japanese press and opposition attacks on U.S. Vietnam actions. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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 12. Indonesian FonMin Arrives

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1. Diet Session Extended to June 1 (WEEKA 19, Item 1)

Extension of current Diet session to June 1 passed by LDP in Lower House in evening May 19. Socialist boycotted session, after making abortive attempt to block Speaker from reaching House

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chamber to convene session.

Extension primarily for purpose of passing controversial farmland compensation bill, but also opens way for possible amendment of local autonomy law to allow Tokyo assembly dissolve itself and take pressure off LDP, resulting from scandals. (See Item 2) Opposition parties protested to Speaker May 20 over extension decision and declared they would boycott deliberations during extension period. Press speculated boycott would last until next week, but tactics during extension period not yet clear. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Diet extension means that Upper House election will probably take place July 4. This more advantageous to LDP than earlier date because most spring planting will be completed by that time and rural vote should appear in strength. Cabinet reshuffle now expected take place almost immediately after Diet closes June 1.

Extension process caused Speaker Funada some embarrassment. Socialists claimed he had promised, in course of restoring Diet session to normalcy after May 13 clash (WEEKA 19, Item 2) that session would not be extended. Any such agreement was clearly contingent on JSP's cooperating to complete consideration farmland compensation bill in Upper House, which Socialist Councillors refused to do. Funada, unlike most previous Diet speakers, has not severed party ties, and criticism that he let such ties take precedence over responsibility as speaker appeared in some press comment as well as in opposition attacks. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Tokyo Assembly Scandal May Produce Amendment of Local Autonomy Law

With the failure of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly to carry out resignation en masse because of three LDP and two JCP holdouts, (WEEKA 19, Item 3) Assembly held several special sessions May 19 and 20, voted to accept resignation of Speaker and passed a motion for voluntary dissolution. LDP defeated non-confidence motion against governor and measure to censure 16 members under arrest. Assembly leadership agreed to seek revision of Local Autonomy Law to allow local legislatures to dissolve themselves if large majority so voted. Representatives of nation-wide Local Assemblies Association May 20 announced their opposition to such amendment in this connection. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Revision of Local Autonomy Law would get LDP off the hook but is likely to meet opposition on grounds that such basic laws should not be amended lightly. At present appears likely amendment will pass with Tokyo Assembly dissolution taking place in early June and elections in mid-July. (UNCLASSIFIED)

## 3. Sasaki Explains JSP Policy to Foreign Press

Newly-chosen JSP Chairman Kozo SASAKI speaking at Foreign

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Correspondents Club luncheon May 20 declared JSP foreign policy based on neutralism, peaceful coexistence, and opposition to imperialist aggression in any part of world. He cited Vietnam, Malaysia, Dominican Republic and Congo as manifestations of "imperialist aggression of certain country." He also mentioned Okinawa-Bonins and northern territories status and GOJ ban on vinylon plant export to Communist China as evidence of Japan's lack of full independence and GOJ subservience to foreign power. He explained his charge in first speech as Chairman that "U.S. imperialism is enemy of all mankind" as humanitarian statement of protest against threat of nuclear destruction faced by people of whole world as consequence of imperialism's effort to escalate war in Vietnam. He stated JSP willing to send mission to U.S. or any country to expound views, "if personal safety guaranteed." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: View presented by Sasaki contained nothing new, but occasion provided opportunity for foreign press to see and hear hitherto relatively obscure JSP leader in limelight. Sasaki's doctrinaire and one-sidedly anti-American approach to world problems and evasive answers to questions failed to make points with journalists. He did, however, project image of amiable, shrewd politician with folksy personality and sense of humor unusual among leftist politicians. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 4. Diet Passes ILO Bill (WEEKA 16, Item 1)

Upper House on May 17 passed bill to ratify ILO Convention 87 on Freedom of Association, fulfilling 7-year-old commitment of GOJ to ILO. Four related bills amending domestic labor laws which were also approved have effect of centralizing administration of national civil service in new bureau of Prime Minister's office which will be headed by a State Minister. Major point of dispute in revision of domestic laws concerns status of public workers' unions. By agreement among LDP, JSP, and DSP, laws will go into effect only after special council composed of labor, government, and academic members acts to resolve points of difference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Ratification of Convention 87 paves way for favorable report by ILO Commission on complaints against GOJ. LDP, JSP and DSP will all claim credit for fulfilling international obligation but greatest political mileage likely be gained by Sato government. Agreement on domestic laws still far off; much effort will be required by special commission to mediate conflicting interests successfully. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 5. Sohyo and Domei React to Vietnam

Sohyo Board of Councillors decided to reconsider earlier decision to send medical supplies to Hanoi (WEEKA 18, Item 3) because of opposition by representatives of steel and postal workers unions who argued one-sided aid would confuse Japanese "Peace Movement." SecGen IWAI argued for

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original plan on ground Sohyo had no contacts in South Vietnam, but was unable to forestall reconsideration. Two Sohyo representatives will attend WFTU meeting in Hanoi on June 2.

Domei Board of Councillors issued statement May 13 calling on U.S. to stop bombing North Vietnam and to seek solution of problem by international conference in which United Nations would play coordinating role. It also called on Soviet Union to persuade Hanoi to stop aid to Viet Cong and to participate in conference. Statement tied in peace efforts with democratic development and pledged Domei to deeper ties and more exchange with South Vietnamese workers. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Critics within mainstream of Sohyo may not be able prevent shipment of supplies to Hanoi, but may succeed in reducing amount and will use issue to make life more difficult for OTA-IWAI leadership. High Domei official told Embassy officer Domei will not act now to implement pledge to establish ties with South Vietnamese workers; statement merely set forth intention. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

6. Public Corporation Workers' Pay Increase (WEEKA 17, Item 7)

The Public Corporation Labor Relations Board (Koroi) on May 14 announced the arbitration award for public enterprise workers - a 6.25% increase retroactive to April 1. When the 3.5% annual increase is included, the average pay increase comes to ¥3,038, (\$8.44). This is comparable with the Private Railway Workers (Shitetsuroren) settlement of ¥3,000 (\$8.33) but arbitration award is less than last year's 7.76% increase. FinMin TANAKA announced GOJ intention to carry out award in good faith but doubted that National Railways could afford raise without increase in passenger and freight rates next year. Public enterprise unions, JSP, and DSP expressed dissatisfaction with award but urged GOJ to implement it in toto as soon as possible. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Compulsory settlement rings down curtain on "spring struggle." Labor union protests were matter of form and face; off-the-record reactions at unions' headquarters were not critical of awards. Major significance lies in closeness to Shitetsuroren settlement, which will further influence negotiations in private sector. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. LDP Adopts Official View on Vietnam

LDP executives and Diet members on May 18 adopted an "official view" on the Vietnam conflict. The move was reported in the press as having been prompted by the possibility that some LDP Dietmen might give contradictory replies to an Asahi Journal questionnaire now being circulated.

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The official view, while calling the war regrettable and asking for a quick peaceful settlement, lays full blame for the conflict on the deficiencies of the Geneva Agreement of 1954 and its continued violation by the communists and on the "war of national liberation" theory of the Chicoms and North Vietnam. The view goes on to state that the Viet Cong are not nationalists in the true sense, but are controlled by communists and under instructions from the north, making North Vietnam the greatest violator of the Geneva Agreements. In addition it states that it is inconceivable that the U.S. aims to invade North Vietnam, but is in Vietnam at the invitation of GVN and therefore its operations are justified. The unified view further states that Japan should play its part within its power in settling the conflict and it criticizes certain circles for unfairness in their criticism of U.S. policies. Lastly the unified view calls for an environment in which South and North Vietnam can secure freedom and independence and decide their respective futures free from foreign interference. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While this "unified view" was said to be for the purpose of maintaining unity within the party, it was clearly also designed to disown statements by LDP Diet member Tokuma UTSUNOMIYA during his recent Southeast Asian tour. It is encouraging that the LDP leadership felt in position to make statement just prior to Upper House elections, in face of widespread outcry from media, organizations, and intellectuals against American policy. Apparent confidence may be due to estimate that criticism does not accurately reflect general public opinion; statement itself should help to influence public opinion in right direction. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 8. Japanese Asian Ambassadors Conference

Japanese ambassadors to Asian countries, plus ambassadors to Algeria, Senegal, and UAR, held annual meeting in Tokyo May 18-21. According press reports FonMin SHIINA in opening address said Japan should make more efforts toward peaceful settlement of disputes in Asia and economic and social growth of area. He also urged them consider position to be taken by Japan at Algiers AA Conference. Ambassadors noted Free World should watch ChiCom moves in Thailand and Malaysia and concluded ChiCom leaders successfully utilizing nationalism to control people and maintain political stability. They reaffirmed need for Japan to maintain policy of separation of trade from politics. There was general belief ChiComs would utilize Algiers Conference to attack U.S. Vietnam policy, and that AA meeting would have militant atmosphere in which Japan would have difficult time maintaining moderate position. They stressed that GOJ should work for reaffirmation Bandung spirit. Concerning Vietnam, ambassadors said situation not well understood in Japan and Japan should give at least moral support to U.S. in Vietnam, even though bombing of north had made North Vietnamese more determined to fight. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: Meeting comes at appropriate time, with Vietnam, Indonesia and China issues at hand and AA Conference coming up. Remarks on Vietnam were welcome contrast to widespread criticism on this issue in Japan, but were not given important attention in press. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

9. Okinawa Consultative Committee Meeting May 17

At the first meeting of the Consultative Committee on Okinawa to be held since the broadening of the functions of the Committee, the U.S. presented its basic policy on the administration of Okinawa, outlined a long-range plan for the Okinawan economy and asked Japan to help with market development for Okinawan products and government-related loans to Okinawan industry. The Japanese presented studies on education and social security in Okinawa. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: The Japanese comments on the U.S. proposals reflected a constructive attitude, and both sides agreed to study the proposals and comment on them at later meetings. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

10. Japanese Press Slights Thanat Khoman Speech

Thai FonMin Thanat Khoman's speech May 18 at Foreign Correspondents Club was given scant and selective attention in the Japanese press although it was well attended by Japanese reporters. English language papers on the whole carried the speech prominently. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Thanat's speech broadly supported U.S. Government view of Vietnam situation. Such speech by prominent Asian potentially useful in countering prevailing Japanese press reports. Down-playing what does not fit into established "line" has characterized much of Japanese press's treatment of Vietnam in recent months. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

11. Reaction to 2nd CCNE

Second CCNE May 14 given prominent play all papers, with follow up stories on fallout. Zengakuren group protested this (along with U.S. policy in Vietnam). JCP-dominated Gensuikyo said explosion unavoidable; JCP said it was necessary to counter American aggression. Kakkin Kaigi (DSP-Domei) and Gensuikin (JSP-Sohyo) denounced test as did Hiroshima mayor HAMAI. Several Japanese correspondents in Peiping reported device had been fired by missile, though Tokyo editors and government analysts skeptical. Media have commented that result will be greater apprehension in SEA concerning ChiCom policies. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This explosion apparently has made relatively little impact upon Japanese public which has been expecting it for some time. Protests have been made in routine manner, Media, while deploring development, have

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not offered constructive policy advice. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

12. Indonesian FonMin Arrives

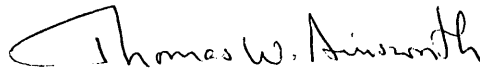
Indo FonMin SUBANDRIO arrived Tokyo May 19 accompanied by Forestry and Fisheries ministers and 19 others. In addition to discussing Japanese economic aid projects, Subandrio expected explain reason for Sukarno's refusal meet with Tunku in Tokyo and discuss with Japanese issues likely arise during Algiers AA Conference. He scheduled leave May 23. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Indos have been informed that Japanese will support Malaysian attendance at Algiers and aware from press reports of Japanese desire reaffirm such Bandung principles as peaceful coexistence. Indos may have felt Sukarno's failure to come to Tokyo caused Japanese, especially LDP Vice-President KAWASHIMA, to lose face, requiring some Indo fence-mending. (CONFIDENTIAL)





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

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## POLITICAL

1. LDP and Cabinet Reshuffle

Major political interest focused on pending reshuffle of Cabinet and top LDP posts as SATO met with advisers and party faction leaders during week to plan "Sato Look" for administration. Among new personnel arrangements most frequently and authoritatively predicted were replacement Takeo MIKI by present FinMin Kakuei TANAKA as LDP SecGen; assumption of Cabinet post in economic field by Miki; appointment Takeo FUKUDA, co-leader of KISHI faction, to succeed Tanaka as FinMin. FonMin SHIINA and Minister-without-Portfolio Ichiro KONO generally expected remain in Cabinet. Press reported possibility faction leaders Aiichiro FUJIYAMA and Mitsujiro

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ISHII enter Cabinet but no suggestion what posts. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Several authoritative sources agreed on retention Shiina and replacement of Miki, but most other arrangements appear subject last-minute bargaining among factions. Move of Miki from LDP SecGen post would be viewed as blow to his ambitions succeed Sato as PriMin (RefEmbTel 3932). (CONFIDENTIAL)

2. Farmlands Compensation Bills Weathers JSP Filibuster

After 4 days boycott protesting LDP extension of current Diet session (WEEKA 20, Item 1), JSP and other opposition parties agreed to resumption Diet business May 24. JSP decided, however, to resist LDP attempt to bring controversial Farmlands Compensation Bill (WEEKA 19, Item 2) to immediate vote in Upper House evening May 26 by resorting to filibuster. At May 27 session, which began 5:25 a.m. and lasted until late at night, JSP members sought to delay vote on bill by introducing series of motions, including no confidence motions against Upper House President, Vice-President and Finance Committee Chairman. Delay accomplished by traditional filibuster tactic of deliberate slow-motion ballot-casting on each motion. JSP decision at end of day to suspend filibuster raised possibility final passage of bill would be accomplished by evening May 28. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Socialists putting up show of resistance but obviously do not consider farmlands bill of sufficient importance to risk unfavorable image that forceful measures of resistance would earn them in eyes of public. JSP leader (KATSUMATA) admitted to Emb officer some JSP constituents stand to benefit from bill and JSP resisting passage solely on principle. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

3. GOJ Plans for Algerian A-A Conference

PriMin SATO at May 25 Cabinet meeting named LDP Vice-President Shojiro KAWASHIMA as leader Japanese delegation to Algiers A-A Conference. Also designated as delegation members were Foreign Minister, Mitsui Bank Chairman Kiichiro SATO and eight ambassadors or former ambassadors. LDP will name four advisors; JSP will name two; and DSP, one. Press reported May 28 that Indian PriMin SHASTRI hoped to be able accept PriMin's May 24 invitation visit Japan to consult re Asian situation and A-A Conference. Press May 28 reported FonOff previous day told LDP Foreign Policy Research Council Japan would stress mutual cooperation A-A countries for national construction, strict adherence to U.N. Charter and Ten Bandung Principles at Algiers meeting. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Japanese have lined up excellent technical team, but Kawashima not likely prove forceful leader. Indications continue that GOJ still hoping confrontations can be avoided. Consultations with other participants have been going on at low level; visit of Shastri or other high-level Indian official would provide welcome opportunity for these two Asian countries to plan joint tactics. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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from TOKYO4. Subandrio Talks to Japanese Leaders

During visit to Japan May 19-23 Indonesian FonMin Subandrio met with PriMin Sato, FonMin Shiina and A-A Conference Delegation leader-designate KAWASHIMA. In talks with Shiina he extracted agreement for extension of credit for two power stations and some tugboats and cash purchase of 20,000 tons of fertilizer, but failed to get a \$20 million 1-year credit for construction materials. Subandrio blamed Tunku's attitude and Malaysian "insincerity" for Sukarno's refusal to come to Tokyo for talks on Malaysian problem (WEEKKA 19, Item 4). He indicated indirectly that Sukarno would not be anxious to meet Tunku before A-A Conference, although he might stop in Tokyo en route to Algiers. At one point in conversation with Kawashima Subandrio reportedly indicated Indonesians would not walk out of A-A Conference if majority favored seating Malaysia. According to Vice FonMin ODA, who was present at all talks, Subandrio did not show great interest in seeing confrontation settled. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Japanese assessment of personalities involved and chances for successful settlement of Malaysian confrontation seems realistic, although Sato and followers still hope they may be able exert helpful influence toward settlement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. ROK-Japan Negotiations Still Stalled on Fisheries Issue

ROK-Japan negotiators continue arguing last week whether Korean proposals on fisheries issue submitted two weeks ago were in amplification and in addition to points agreed upon April 3 (as Koreans contend), or contradictory to these agreed points (as Japanese say). Some progress was made with presentation May 28 of Japanese proposals for Claims and Economic Cooperation settlement. Work on legal status of Korean residents at advanced stage but differences remain on their treatment. Two sides still far apart on art objects agreement and Takeshima issue. Press reported May 28 Ambassador KIM to return to Seoul for consultations next week. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Both sides have indicated to us necessity reaching agreement in June and possibility that another visit by Foreign Minister Lee would assist in meeting this schedule. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Soviets to Release Japanese Fishermen

Soviet Ambassador VINOGRADOV May 26 informed Agriculture-Forestry Minister AKAGI that Soviet Union will soon release remaining sixty-six Japanese fishermen being retained in USSR for alleged violation of Soviet territorial waters. Date for release has not yet been specified. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: This action is probably prompted by Soviet desire to

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ameliorate relations with GOJ and, in particular, to set stage for successful negotiation in June of Consular Convention. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 7. Taiwan Independence Leaders Abandon Movement

Taiwan independence movement in Japan was dealt serious blow with decision May 14 of its best-known leader Thomas Liao to return Taiwan and support GRC cause, followed by CHENG Wan-fu's subsequently reported dissolution of his "Democratic Political Party." Reaction in the separatist movement to Liao's defection varied from deep gloom over effect this would have on Taiwanese in Formosa to faint hope that heavily faction-ridden movement in Japan would be able to coalesce around new and more charismatic leader. CHIU Yung-han (KYU Ei Kan), author and businessman, is reportedly front runner for chairman of proposed new "Confederation of Independence Groups." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Although independence movement will suffer from Liao's defection, Taiwan Chinglian (Taiwanese Youth) seems to have best chance of emerging as relatively more powerful force in weakened movement. Chances for unification of movement (or for any significant increase in its size and importance) appear remote. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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#### 8. Opinion Poll on Vietnam (WEEKA 19, Item 7)

Unpublished results of mid-May questions on Vietnam in Jiji Press Monthly Public Opinion Poll were made available to USIS on confidential basis by GOJ Cabinet Research Office this week. Results of these questions, which were added at GOJ request, will not be published and will remain confidential within GOJ.

##### Questions and answers:

1. Do you think U.S. has no other recourse than actions it has taken in Vietnam war? Or do you strongly disapprove of U.S. actions there?

No other recourse	17%
Strongly disapprove	34
Neither	22
Don't know	27

2. Do you feel there is danger of Japan being drawn into this conflict? Or do you feel there is no such danger?

Danger of being drawn in	27%
No such danger	40
Don't know	33

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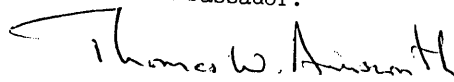
Do nothing	11%
Talk over with U.S. and others	47
Cooperate more with U.S.	2
Other	5
Don't know	36

CRO suggested that response to questions 1 and 3 indicate impact of mass media and "progressive" intellectuals on public views, and that 40% "no danger" response to question 2 indicates critical opinions on Vietnam have so far led only to limited sense of alarm. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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## POLITICAL

1. Cabinet and Party Posts Announced (Weeka 21, Item 1)

Primin SATO on June 3 announced the formation of first "Sato-color" cabinet. Only holdover from Ikeda Cabinet formed last summer is Foreign Minister Etsusaburo SHIINA (Kawashima faction). Important Finance post went to Takeo FUKUDA, faction leader with long experience in MOF, and MITI post went to Takeo MIKI, also a faction leader and outgoing LDP Secretary General. Faction leader and former Foreign Minister Aichihiro FUJIYAMA was at last minute given post of State Minister and Director of Economic Planning Agency. Sato "right-hand man" Kakuei TANAKA, outgoing Finance Minister,

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became LDP Secretary General. Other top party posts went to Shigesaburo MAEO (Chairman of Executive Board, Ikeda faction), and Munenori AKAGI (Chairman of Policy Board, Kawashima faction). Shojiro KAWASHIMA will stay on as Vice-President.

In June 2 surprise development, faction leader Ichiro KONO and Sato agreed that Kono should stay out of new cabinet.

Factional lineup gives heavy weight to Satomen -- eight, including Sato and Tanaka. Ikeda and Kawashima factions each received three Cabinet/LDP posts, Kishi/Funada, Ishii and Miki factions received two each and Fujiyama, Kono, and Funada factions each received one post. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Factional distribution technically meets minimum requirements of distribution (except for shortchanging Kono) but center of gravity of Cabinet is considerably to right of outgoing Ikeda-picked line-up. Selection of so many ministers from PriMin's own faction, unprecedented since formation of LDP, appears to reflect determined effort by Sato bring both Government and LDP machinery firmly under direct control.

New cabinet appears to be one that is likely to take stronger stand for anti-communist cause in Asia and may cooperate more readily with concrete U.S. proposals, which would intensify confrontation with opposition parties. Kono appears likely take stance, after House of Councillors election July 4, openly critical of Sato. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Kyushu Coal Mine Disaster

Gas explosion in Yamano Colliery mine near Fukuoka June 1 claimed 237 lives in Japan's second worst coal mine disaster of postwar period. Blast reportedly touched off by sparks igniting gas escaping from underground pocket. Disaster drew sharp criticism from Coal Miners Union (Tanro) and JSP who charged mine management and government with laxness and indifference toward miners' safety. Government ordered immediate investigation of disaster and tightening up safety measures; MITI chief Yoshio SAKURAUCHI, whose ministry is responsible for mine safety, resigned June 1 "to make clear his own and GOJ's responsibility." (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: As third major mine disaster this year, accident stimulated widespread comment in press on mine safety standards and editorials urging improvement of safety measures. Opposition parties will undoubtedly try to make mine safety an issue in coming elections. Impact this issue as such likely to be marginal since public interest low, but series of disasters could have psychological effect adverse to LDP. (UNCLASSIFIED)

## 3. Diet Amends Local Autonomy Law (WEEKA 20, Item 2)

Passage by the Diet on June 1 of special bill amending Local

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Autonomy Law to allow dissolution of local assemblies by members paves way for dissolution of scandal-ridden Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly. Special law provides that local assembly can dissolve itself when there is three-quarters quorum and four-fifths of members present support dissolution motion; new election must be held within forty days of dissolution.

Appears likely that special Tokyo Assembly dissolution session will be held by June 14 with new election to follow around July 22. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Dissolution of Assembly should bring an end to recall movement, sponsored by intellectuals, JSP, JCP, and Komeito, which received official permission June 3 to conduct campaign. Metropolitan election prospects for LDP not particularly bright, but Assembly dissolution will help to quiet media outcry against LDP corruption. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 4. Shimoda to Replace Oda as Vice Foreign Minister

Takezo SHIMODA, Japanese Ambassador to Moscow, has been designated to succeed Takio ODA as Vice Foreign Minister, and is expected to return to Tokyo within next few weeks. According to Japanese press, Oda desires to retire from Government service. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Speculation in Foreign Ministry has it that Oda will not retire, but will receive another, as yet unspecified, government position. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

#### 5. Bonin Islands Visit

Twenty Japanese former residents of Bonin Islands accompanied by GOJ officials and press, returned June 2 from eight-day visit to Bonin Islands ancestral grave sites. Visit was sentimental and happy occasion for former residents, who had not seen islands since 1943, when Japanese military forces evacuated all civilians. Visit went smoothly and group pleased by cooperation of U.S. Navy and by friendly reception of islanders. Similar one-day visit May 18 to Iwo Jima by ten former residents was also smoothly conducted. Media coverage substantial and reaction very favorable. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: None

#### 6. Shiina Sends Message to ROK ForMin (WEEKA 21, Item 5)

Press reported that ForMin SHIINA, in effort advance Japan-Korea normalization talks sent message to ROK ForMin June 2, asking ROK to adhere to April 3 agreed points and to shelve ROK's latest proposals. ROK Chief of Mission KIM Dong-Jo reportedly postponed return to Korea for consultations and agreed to hold additional fishery committee sessions. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Comment: With completion of cabinet reshuffle PriMin Sato appears ready to make strong effort to resolve outstanding issues. (UNCLASSIFIED)

PSYCHOLOGICAL7. Visiting DRV "Cultural" Delegation Attracts Little Attention

Visit of three North Vietnamese professors (two men, one woman), for four-week stay under sponsorship of Japan-Vietnam Friendship Association, has received only moderate and spotty press coverage and has had only one TV appearance -- 20-minute morning program primarily for housewives. Group has been mild and pleasant in all appearances and has confined statements to repetition of official Hanoi position regarding conditions in DRV, effects of U.S. bombing, DRV-Viet Cong relationships and pre-conditions for negotiations. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Relatively low media interest so far may be attributed to current Japanese preoccupation with domestic issues. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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1. Leftists Stage Nationwide Protest Against U.S. Vietnam Policy
2. Upper House Election Set for July 4
3. Japan Girds for Algiers Conference
4. ROK-Japan Agreement Hoped Near
5. Gemini 4 Acclaimed
6. MSDF Schedules Three Training Cruises

POLITICAL

1. Leftists Stage Nationwide Protest Against U.S. Vietnam Policy

Leftist students, unionists and members of JSP and JCP front organizations participated in anti-U.S. rallies and demonstrations in Tokyo, Osaka and other cities on June 9, which organizers proclaimed "Day of National Action Against Aggression in Vietnam." In Tokyo, scene of main effort, total of 36,000 persons (according police figures) took part in four rallies and demonstration parades lasting from noon until 11:00 p.m. This is largest number of demonstrators mobilized in one day since flareup of Vietnam situation in February. Good weather, imminence of Upper House election campaign contributed to size of turnout.

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Anti-JCP leftist students led by Togakuren (Metropolitan Federation of Students' Self-Government Associations) led off with 2,500 students, followed by pro-JCP Zengakuren with 4,500. In evening JSP-Sohyo and JCP mobilized 12,000 and 17,000 respectively (including some students from earlier groups).

Demonstrations were originally stimulated by intellectuals, led by critic Yoshio NAKANO and novelist Tomoji ABE, who earlier called on all mass organizations to participate in "Day of National Action." Abe and Nakano met with JSP-Sohyo and JCP leaders in effort bring about unified action but failed to persuade parties to agree to formalized joint action. However, June 9 demonstrations became de facto "joint struggle" as JSP-Sohyo and JCP used same rally site, same parade route, and shouted same slogans--only difference being in time. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Technique of holding consecutive demonstrations on same day may indicate tacit agreement by left to cooperate indirectly for de facto revival of anti-Security Treaty joint struggle pattern. This tactic, while outwardly preserving independent image of JSP-Sohyo, would allow left to cooperate to increase scale of demonstrations, which thus far must have disappointed leaders of left. (CONFIDENTIAL)

## 2. Upper House Election Set for July 4

Seventh postwar House of Councillors election campaign officially began with GOJ proclamation June 10 announcing opening of candidate registration and fixing July 4 as election day. By end of first day 319 candidates, representing almost all expected to announce, filed candidacies for 127 seats at stake in triennial election. (127 seats include 125 seats whose terms expired June 1 and two vacancies.) Candidates include 95 Liberal Democrats, 66 Socialists, 14 Komeito members, 21 Democratic Socialists, 48 Communists, 28 members of minor parties and 47 independents, competing for 52 seats in national constituency and 75 seats in 46 prefectural districts.

Parties had selected candidates, planned strategy, and begun to campaign since last fall, but official proclamation was signal for all-out electioneering. Heads of 5 competing parties launched official campaign with major kick-off speeches in Tokyo. PriMin Sato as LDP head promised clean politics, stabilized prices and peace efforts in Asia; leaders of opposition attacked LDP and Sato Government for failures in same areas. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: While press likely to give usual full coverage to campaign, public interest in election appears likely to be low unless there should be marked deterioration in domestic economic situation or spectacular worsening of Vietnam conflict. (UNCLASSIFIED)

## 3. Japan Girds for Algiers Conference

Cabinet June 8 approved 18-man delegation to Algiers AA Conference.

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Headed by LDP Vice-President Shojiro KAWASHIMA, who led Japanese contingent to Bandung Anniversary meeting last April, delegation includes FonMin SHIINA, several Ambassadors and Diet members from LDP and DSP as advisers. JSP also invited to send representatives as advisers, but declined when told its representatives would not be permitted to act independently of delegation leadership. Delegation support element numbers 28. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ positions on probable conference issues are consistent with Japan's posture as advanced, democratic nation and member of Free World. However, as representative of Asian nation, delegation can be expected to seek conference harmony by accommodation, and to avoid involvement in controversial issues to extent Japan's interests will permit. Upper House elections, scheduled shortly after conference, will probably have inhibiting effect on delegation's willingness to take strong positions which could be subject political criticism at home. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### 4. ROK-Japan Agreement Hoped Near

Negotiators made progress during long weekend at Hakone on "supplementary" provisions for fisheries agreement. Drafting of agreements on status of Korean residents and on claims and economic cooperation also progressed. According to principal negotiators, prospects are good for full agreement, if not actual signing, before FonMin Shiina leaves for Algiers June 22. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Both sides are showing determination to reach agreement, and A-A Conference is convenient target date. We are cautiously hopeful that this protracted negotiation will soon end in success. (CONFIDENTIAL)

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL

#### 5. Gemini 4 Acclaimed

Key phases of Gemini 4 project were accorded prominent and heavy news coverage by Japanese media. Comment was highly laudatory and focussed on unique aspects of Gemini 4, particularly "space swimming" by Major White, his use of "space gun" and project's apparent success in overtaking Soviet lead. Commentators expressed belief that late announcement of rendezvous and extra-vehicular activity (EVA) experiments were evidence of public pressure on NASA to sharpen competitiveness with Soviet space program. Gemini 4 success was widely seen as boost to U.S. confidence in space science. Several comments suggested U.S. and Soviet undertake "peace" competition on earth with same fighting spirit they are showing in space competition. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Extensive photo coverage in press and newsreel coverage on TV and full reporting of astronauts' relaxed and humorous conversation during EVA are believed to have reinforced favorable impressions of U.S.

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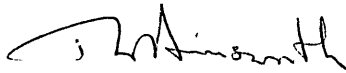
space program. Overall impact also undoubtedly further strengthened by contrasting Lunik 6 failure. (UNCLASSIFIED)

MILITARY6. MSDF Schedules Three Training Cruises

Two craft from MSDF Tenth Submarine Division departed Yokosuka June 8 for month of training at Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor. Four-ship training squadron under Rear Admiral GOGA scheduled leave Tokyo June 11 for 144-day, 31,000-mile training cruise to West Coast of U.S. and east coast of South America. This is longest cruise undertaken by MSDF since WW II and first Japanese training squadron visit to South America in 43 years. New guided missile destroyer "AMATSUKAZE" leaves June 14 for special missile training in U.S. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Chief of Maritime Staff has privately expressed some concern about length of training squadron cruise and problem of funding major repairs. Present budget allows only \$2,000/repairs and parts at U.S. facilities. However, he feels this is useful training and challenge to entire squadron. It also provides MSDF with foreign-travel and public relations opportunity not available to Ground or Air Self Defense Forces. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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2. Tokyo Assembly Disolution
3. Personnel Re-shuffle at Defense Agency
4. ROK-Japan Normalization
5. A-A Conference
6. Soviet First Deputy ForMin Arrives in Japan

POLITICAL1. Upper House Election Campaign

Leaders of major parties began active campaign for Upper House elections with joint speech-making session in Tokyo June 11. Major topic was war in Vietnam which PriMin SATO declared was question of highest concern. He promised that he would see that Japan would not be involved in war. JSP Chairman SASAKI attacked U.S. bombing of North as "imperialistic aggression" and charged Japan-ROK normalization would in effect lead to Japan's participation in Vietnam because \$700 million in grants and aid promised by GOJ to ROK will be used to reinforce ROK troops being sent to South Vietnam. DSP Chairman NISHIO described Vietnam conflict as "war by proxy" between U.S. and Communist China and called for Japanese initiative in convening international conference to bring about negotiations between Washington and Peiping. Chairman TSUJI of Komeito advocated

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U.S. withdrawal from South Vietnam and return to status quo at time of Geneva agreements.

Beginning June 12, leaders of major parties fanned out from Tokyo to woo voters in key areas. PriMin Sato, accompanied by FinMin Takeo FUKUDA and MITI chief Takeo MIKI, began stumping activities in Osaka and Nagoya areas. Sato then made 3-day trip to northeastern Japan, where JSP Chairman Sasaki has been concentrating his campaign to date. In closely contested Akita prefectural constituency, Sato and Sasaki crossed paths and in chance encounter on train had widely-publicized, 20-minute chat, in which both agreed to support aid to farmers. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Pace of campaign thus far being set by LDP. Sato's pledge to "keep Japan out of Vietnam war," repeated on several occasions, appears to have blunted JSP attempts to exploit Vietnam issue. JSP thus far reduced to ideological slogans and carping attacks on ROK-Japan talks, which unlikely arouse voting public even though press giving Sasaki's "folksy" campaign favorable play. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Tokyo Assembly Dissolution (WEEKA 22, Item 3)

At special session on June 14, beleaguered Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly unanimously voted to dissolve itself, ending two-month crisis. New elections scheduled for July 23. At latest count fifteen LDP Assemblymen have been indicted for bribery in connection with Assembly Speaker's election in March. Two others have been indicted for using official positions for personal gain. As above seventeen plus three other LDP Assemblymen resigned from the party prior dissolution, LDP strength in Assembly fell below majority for first time. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Assembly election campaign expected to be heated with JSP, JCP, Komeito likely to make good showing. DSP will also attempt to make a come back; it failed to obtain any seats in last election. At present it appears that LDP will have difficulty sustaining majority and some commentators are even predicting loss of as many as 15 seats--which would leave LDP with eleven less than majority. Outcome of election, however, will depend largely on degree to which media and "intellectuals" succeed in transmitting their own indignation and interest to electorate, and on the development of issues in the July 4 House of Councillors election. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 3. Personnel Reshuffle at Defense Agency

The following Defense Agency personnel changes became effective June 16: Hisao OBATA, Chief, Secretariat, to become Chief, Defense Facilities Administration Agency succeeding Yutaka ONO, who is retiring; Osamu KAIHARA, Chief of Defense Bureau, to be new Chief, Secretariat; Yutaka SHIMADA,

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present head of Education Bureau, to succeed Kaihara in Defense Bureau slot; Moto SHISHIDO, Councillor, Secretariat, to be new Chief of Education Bureau. Shigeru ASO, Chief, National Defense College and concurrently Councillor, Legal Affairs, relieved of latter post. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Retirement Ono and promotions Obata and Kaihara follow plan reportedly approved by former JDA Director KOIZUMI upon his assumption office last year. Personnel shift puts Kaihara in good spot eventually to succeed Yoshio MIWA, present Administrative Vice Minister and former Chief, Secretariat. Departure of Kaihara from powerful Defense Bureau post is a move that will probably be temporarily welcomed by most uniformed members of JDF, though they may not welcome increase in Kaihara's potential mentioned above. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. ROK-Japan Normalization (WEEKA 25, Item 4)

Korean and Japanese negotiators continued progress toward agreement on issues of fisheries, status of Korea residents in Japan, financial claims, economic cooperation and disposition of art objects, prior/June 22 departure of FonMin for A-A Conference. Politically sensitive issue of Takeshima shelved for time being, in order permit signing by June 22. JSP Chairman Kozo Sasaki termed shelving of so important an issue unpatriotic and expressed determination to launch massive campaign against normalization talks and Vietnam war. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ, under hard driving of PriMin and FonMin, is making all-out effort to reach agreement before June 22. General atmosphere of FonOff is determination to succeed and optimism that political settlements will overcome few remaining unresolved issues. (CONFIDENTIAL)

5. A-A Conference (WEEKA 23, Item 3)

With GOJ delegation departure set for June 22, preparations for A-A Conference shifted into high gear. JSP continued to boycott delegation although Party deliberating plan to send independent JSP delegation. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Basic GOJ positions toward conference--avoidance of controversial issues and advocacy of A-A cohesion under principles of Bandung I--remain unchanged. However, expected GOJ support for admission ROK and GVN likely run counter to "avoidance of controversy" at FonMin's conference opening June 24. (CONFIDENTIAL)

6. Soviet First Deputy FonMin Arrives in Japan

Soviet First Deputy FonMin Vasili V. KUZNETSOV arrived in Tokyo June 17 for eight-day stay. During visit he is scheduled meet PriMin SATO, FonMin Shiina and other GOJ leaders and to tour Western Japan. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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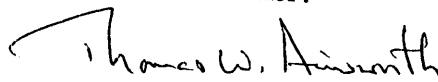
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Comment: Main purpose of Kuznetsov's visit is probably to press Japan  
support USSR participation in A-A Conference. Talks with Japanese  
officials will probably also include USSR-GOJ consular treaty, civil aviation  
agreement, and possibly Vietnam war. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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POLITICAL

1. Japan-Korea Normalization Agreement Signed (WEEKA 24, Item 4)

Spurred on by direct intervention of PriMin and ForMin and by presence in Tokyo of Korean ForMin LEE, Japan and Republic of Korea concluded 14 years of negotiations by signing on June 22 agreements to settle outstanding issues and establish formal relations. Agreements covered all outstanding issues with exception of disposition of TAKESHIMA (Tok-do) which is to be resolved at a later date.

Formal signing of agreements by two ForMins and principal negotiators - Shinichi TAKASUGI for Japan and Ambassador KIM for Korea - was marked by impressive, nationally-televized ceremony at PriMin's official residence in presence of PriMin and large segment of Japanese and Korean officialdom.

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As expected, LDP praised signing of treaty as opening new era in relations between two countries and DSP welcomed agreement in principle despite some dissatisfaction. Komeito, while welcoming normalization in principle, criticized GOJ for its failure to abolish RHEE line and for shelving TAKESHIMA issue. JSP and JCP both expressed strong opposition to treaty, terming it instrument for establishment of Northeast Asia alliance, and called for massive struggle to prevent ratification.

Signing ceremonies were accompanied by JCP and other leftist demonstrations which managed mobilize total of 16,000, including 2500 students. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Treaty, while opening new era in Japan-Korea official relations, does not automatically assure friendly relations but will provide firm basis for their future development. Ratification process, which LDP hopes complete at special session of Diet by November 1, likely to be accompanied by determined efforts at massive demonstrations by left aimed at disrupting Diet ratification deliberations. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

## 2. Upper House Elections (WEEKA 24, Item 1)

First significant public opinion polls of current Upper House election campaign published by Mainichi and Asahi on June 18 and 19 respectively. Mainichi poll gives LDP 36.9% (1962 pre election poll showed 36.6%; actual results were 46.4%), JSP 22% (1962 - 21.1%; actual - 24.2%), DSP 2.9% (1962 - 3.4%; actual - 5.3%), JCP 1.1% (1962 - .8%; actual 3.1%), Komeito 3.7% (no figures available for 1962). Asahi poll gave LDP 35% (1962 - 37%), JSP 25% (1962 - 25%), DSP - 4%, Komeito 3%, JCP 1% and no preference/no reply 32%

LDP SecGen TANAKA said on June 24 that LDP was confident of retaining all 75 LDP seats in coming election and might even increase representation to 83. Meanwhile, JSP SecGen NARITA stated that JSP confident of electing at least 34 candidates and might elect as many as 40. Narita also predicted that number of LDP candidates elected would be at least 20 less than LDP pre-election strength. (UNCLASSIFIED)

### Comment:

With all parties making optimistic advance claims, it appears likely that LDP may drop up to five seats from its surprisingly high 1959 harvest, Komeito will elect all its 9 candidates in national constituency and most of 5 in local constituencies, JSP may gain slightly, and DSP will be hard pressed to salvage two or three of its 5 seats at stake.

LDP SecGen told Emboff that Mainichi poll, at least, reflects situation at time of end of Diet session when LDP stock was low as result of publicity on FUKIHARA and Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly scandals. He also felt that LDP leaders move into the countryside, popular opinion would probably shift more favorably for LDP. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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from TOKYO3. A-A Conference (WEEKA 24, Item 5)

Faced with doubts concerning stability of new regime in Algeria and uncertainty as to whether A-A conference would be held as scheduled, GOJ postponed sending main body of delegation. However, it ordered Ambassador in Turkey to represent GOJ at Algiers in event FonMins should meet and instructed him to propose postponement of Conference. Several Japanese representatives standing by in Paris to await developments. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: GOJ has been apprehensive from start about its position at A-A Conference and coup d'etat now serves as fortuitous excuse to downgrade its representation in event conference is convened. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

4. Kuznetsov Holds Discussion with PriMin and FonMin

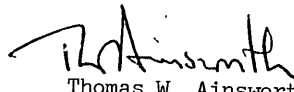
Soviet First Deputy FonMin Vasili V. KUZNETSOV in two-hour conversation with PriMin SATO June 18 sought GOJ support for Soviet participation in the A-A Conference in Algiers and criticized U.S. "aggression" in Vietnam. On same day Kuznetsov and Foreign Minister SHIINA discussed UN financial crisis but Kuznetsov reportedly made no concrete statement on this topic. According to press reports Kuznetsov and Shiina at meeting on June 24 agreed to open consular treaty negotiations in Moscow in late July and resume civil aviation agreement negotiations as soon as possible. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: The confused Algerian situation has now largely overshadowed the issue of Japanese support for Soviet participation in the A-A Conference. Kuznetsov indicated, according to press, that Soviet stand unchanged against Japanese overflights of Siberia, principal barrier to aviation agreement. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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